

## NEWS

### Two policemen killed in Makurdi

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**T**WO policemen attached to the Benue State Civil Service Secretariat were shot dead by suspected robbers yesterday.

The hoodlums allegedly carted away money meant for the Ministry of Finance.

An eyewitness, who pleaded anonymity, said he heard sporadic gunshots at Ishaya Bakut junction, off Makurdi-Otukpo at 3pm.

According to him, two men waylaid a government van with two policemen and a lady, who was later identified as a cashier with the ministry.

"They shot the front tyres and brought the van to a halt. As the policemen attempt to return fire, the suspects opened fire and killed them; they then took a big bag and fled in their Toyota Corolla vehicle.

The incident created a gridlock on Ishaya Bakut Road, which is a stone's throw from the B Division.

Police spokesman Daniel Ezeala told *The Nation* that the two policemen accompanied the cashier to the bank to withdraw money.

Ezeala said the driver was arrested while the cashier is receiving treatment in the hospital.

Commissioner for Finance Omadachi Oklobia said he cannot state exactly how much was withdrawn from the bank.

362 traders lose