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The death toll in Tuesday's bank robbery at Ikare-Akoko, Akoko South West Local Government Area of Ondo State, has risen to 22.

Residents, who decried the siege on the community by the 10 bandits, urged the Inspector-General of Police, Suleiman Abba, to strengthen security in the town.

Robbers invaded a bank on Tuesday afternoon, killing over 20 persons in the two and a half hours operation.

The robbers reportedly attacked a police station and "killed" four officers; others were injured.

In the community yesterday, residents were in a pensive mood. Business and commercial activities were halted in memory of the victims.

The town's monarch, Oba Akadiri Momoh, urged the police to investigate the incident.

The Owa Ale of Ikare-Akoko, Oba Samuel Adedoyin, Senator Bode Olajumoke and representatives of the government visited the town.

The police Area Commander in Owo also visited the scene, stressing that the police would arrest the perpetrators.

The development forced primary and secondary schools in the town to shut down; markets were also deserted.

The town was desolate as many residents stayed indoors; police mounted surveillance in strategic locations.

Members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), who did not operate, were seen at various motor parks discussing the death of their former Chairman, Mr Kenny Ileola, who was shot by the robbers on Owo Road.

The police vowed to arrest the robbers.

Police spokesman Wole Ogodo said officers were on the robbers' trail.

He said peace had returned to the town and that officers would continue to mount surveillance to forestall a breakdown of law and order.

Ogodo urged residents to remain calm as the police were on top of the matter.

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