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Two killed as robbers attack bank in Ekiti

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•***Monarch: it was a war-like situation***

Suspected robbers yesterday attacked an old generation bank in Ilawe-Ekiti, headquarters of Ekiti Southwest Local Government of Ekiti State.

In the operation, which lasted over one hour, the gunmen killed a policeman, Bayo, and a bank worker, whose name could not be ascertained last night.

Another bank worker was reportedly shot in the arm.

The robbery occurred barely a month after another old generation bank was attacked in Ifaki-Ekiti, where a police inspector was killed.

An eyewitness told *The Nation* that the hoodlums stormed the bank located close to the Alawe's palace, about 2:45 pm, and operated for over an hour.

They reportedly blasted the bank's security door with dynamite.

The eyewitness said the dynamite blew up a blue Toyota Camry car.

The robbers reportedly stole an unspecified amount of money.

The source said: "They just came suddenly and started shooting. Shop owners scampered for safety, because the shooting was deafening.

"After blasting the security door, they went into the banking hall and seized workers and customers. They stole an undisclosed amount of money.

"They escaped via Ilawe-Igbara Odo-Ogotun Road."

Confirming the incident in a phone chat with *The Nation*, the Alawe of Ilawe-Ekiti, Oba Adebajji Alabi, expressed shock at the incident.

He said the robbers turned his domain to a warfront by firing dynamite and grenade, which caused panic and paralysed activities.

Oba Alabi said: “It was a terrible experience; my palace is very close to the bank. It was terrifying, it was like a warfront. They detonated grenades during the attack.

“I was in the palace during the robbery; the attack happened less than an hour after a bullion van brought cash to the bank.

“We have been in touch with the governor and the police command.”

Effort to get the police reaction was not successful last night.



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