

Gunmen kill policemen, attack Osun banks, stations

• OPC men, residents resist

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Gunmen believed to be armed robbers, attacked banks and police stations in two Osun State towns yesterday.

The two towns – Ikire in Irewole local government Area and Apomu in Isokan local government – both off the Ibadan-Ile-Ife Expressway, were under attack almost simultaneously between 5:30pm and about 7pm.

The gunmen broke into the bank branches. They killed a police guard at the bank in Apomu and shot a bank official in the leg, according to sources in the town.

They also reportedly shot a policeman during the attack on the bank in Ikire. They shot into the air to scare residents.

However, residents of Apomu, sources said, came out in large number to stand up against the robbers.

They were led by men of the Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) in the town.

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They eventually repelled the attackers who they chased away, preventing them from having access into bank vault.

The pressure forced the gunmen to abandon two vehicles which the Apomu OPC men recovered