

40-member gang robs 5 banks, kills 4 cops

*From PATIENCE
OKECHUKWU, Awka*

FOUR policemen on routine patrol in Obosi, ten kilometres to Nnewi in Anambra State were yesterday killed by a gang of about 40 members who raided five commercial banks in Nnewi town.

The operation was said to have lasted for about five hours.

Briefing Governor Peter Obi who visited the affected banks, the Deputy Commissioner of Police in the state, Amusa Bello said the fireworks of the gang could only be matched by a police armoured personnel carrier which the police in Anambra currently lacked.

He said the police had already commenced investigation into the incident with a view to arresting the robbers.

Governor Obi while expressing shock at the robbery and the killing of the policemen said government would continue to partner with secu-

rity agencies in the state to safeguard the lives and property of the people.

The premises of the affected banks were littered with expended bullet shells and welding equipment used by the robbers to gain entrance into the banks.

It would be recalled that the state last year witnessed series of robbery attacks on banks.

CBN explains *Ajami*

From COBHAM NSA, Abuja

THE Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Tuesday debunked claims of religious connotation in replacing the *Ajami* inscriptions with Roman letters

religious one, laden with emotions.

According to the statement, "The CBN wishes to state categorically that the decision to replace the inscription has no