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Robbers raid Samaru UBA, kill six

From SANI ALIYU, Zaria

At least six people died as a result of gun shots when a group of suspected armed robbers raided the premises of United Bank for Africa (UBA), Samaru branch, at about 11 am yesterday, leaving several others injured.

An eyewitness told newsmen that the suspected robbers arrived in two Mercedes Benz cars with one of them holding a sophisticated gun blocked the major road, shooting in both directions while other members of the gang were busy inside the bank with their operations.

According to him, the robbers immediately shot a security and the policeman in front of the bank before they commenced the operation.

Among those that lost their lives during the robbery was a Daula Restaurant manager whom they shot in the chest and he died instantly.

Some of the survivors were receiving treatment at Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH) Shika and the ABU sick bay at the university's main campus.

After the robbers left, some groups of youths invaded the area protesting the delayed arrival of the police despite urgent message sent to them.

Confirming the incidence, the Police Area Commander in charge of Zaria, Alhaji Shehu U. Shehu, said he received the information but was waiting for the Samaru DPO's report on the matter.