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## 7 policemen, 3 civilians killed in Offa armed robbery incident - Kwara CP

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Kwara State Commissioner of Police, Mr Agboola Oshodi-Glover, has confirmed that seven policemen and three civilians were killed in the bank robbery incident that happened in Offa, last Thursday.

About 30 armed bandits had invaded four commercial banks in the ancient town and carted away unspecified amount of money in both local and foreign currencies.

The confirmation of the casualty figure by the police commissioner came just as some policemen were said to have shot two persons dead at Oja- Oba area of Ilorin, the state capital, on Monday afternoon.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the victims, female road side sweepers, in the employment of Kwara State government, were hit by police strayed bullets.

The policemen were said to be on the trail of some smugglers when the incident occurred.

Speaking with journalists in Ilorin, on Monday, on the Offa incident, the police commissioner vowed to bring the perpetrators to book.

Oshodi-Glover, who described the robbery incident as sad and terrible, assured the people of Offa and the managements of commercial banks of their safety and urged them to go about their lawful businesses.

He also said that a new Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) had been set up in Omu-Aran axis to tighten security in the area.

"The Command would like to sympathise with the families of the deceased who lost their lives in the robbery incident in Offa, on December 19, 2013.

"The command wishes to assure the good people of Offa and Kwara State as a whole that the police will not sleep on their oars until this gang of armed robbers are brought to book.

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"The command, therefore, appeals to the people of Offa that the security of life and property of Offa people is highly guaranteed and the people should please go about their lawful businesses and have confidence in the police in Kwara State.

"I also want to appeal to our commercial banks to be assured that the police will continue to work with them in protecting their interest as we share the pain and sorrows over lives of the staff members that were lost.

"The command has beefed up security around Offa and Omu-Aran Area to properly ensure adequate security in that axis and around the state generally," he said.

On the Oja-Oba incident, the spokesman of the state Police command, Olufemi Fabode confirmed that "there was an incident around Oja-Oba area today (Monday) but we are yet to get the detail of what actually happened."

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