

era of thuggery, violence and brigandage to the state.

Governor Ajimobi, who affirmed that his administration had successfully

He reminded the people of their traumatic experience before the advent of

Ikare Akoko bank robbery claims more casualties

FOLLOWING the invasion of Ikare Akoko in Akoko North West, Ondo State, on Tuesday, by armed bandits, commercial activities were shut down on Wednesday just as the number of casualties during the robbery attacks has increased from 15 to 19.

About 15 people including four policemen were reportedly dead during the attack on Tuesday afternoon but a visit to the scene of the incident indicated that the casualties were more than 15.

Three commercial banks situated along the Jubilee Road in the town were attacked and destroyed by the armed bandits who

sprayed the banks before gaining access into the buildings and left with an undisclosed amount of money.

According to a shop owner in the area who said the armed robbers came in about four vehicles, positioned themselves in strategic areas of the town, blocked all entries into the banks area while they shoot sporadically.

He said four policemen who were caught unaware were sprayed with bullets while those who are waiting at the Automated Teller Machine (ATM) to withdraw money were killed during the attack.

He said further that some

people were hit with bullets while trying to escape from the scene, saying at least 12 people were hit with bullets of the raids.

The bandit, numbering about 25, operated simultaneously at the three banks while some other members of the gang attacked the police station very close to the banks.

He said three other policemen were killed at the police station while a police officer was also hit.

He said the town was littered with corpses after the operation while those who were badly hit during attack had been transferred to the state hospital in Akure for treatment.