

# 3 policemen, armed robber feared killed in Iwo bank robbery

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**T**RAGEDY struck in Iwo, Osun State on Tuesday, when suspected armed robbers stormed one old and two new generation banks in the community and used dynamite to destroy their doors.

Unconfirmed reports indicated that three policemen were killed in the robbery incident while the armed robbers rained bullets on the Armoured Personnel Carrier stationed close to the banks to demolish it.

Sources informed *Metro* that the robbery gang, numbering over 10 arrived one of the bank around 2:15 pm and started shooting sporadically to scare away people as they headed towards the bullet-proof doors leading into the banking hall.

University, Iwo, were said to have been riddled with bullets from the heavily armed robbery gang.

A source, who pleaded

anonymity, disclosed to *Metro* that residents, shop owners and passersby ran in different directions to escape the stray bullets

from the scene of the robbery.

According to the source, a young boy was unlucky as he was hit by bullets in

the leg in his bid to flee the scene of the incident.

The source stated further that "one of the robbers was killed by the police-

men attached to the bank. But the robbers shot down about three policemen during the robbery, which lasted about 50 minutes. It was like a war front the deafening sound of gunshots rent the air and everybody ran for his life.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Fimih Adeoye, reportedly deployed more policemen in the ancient town while other police divisions' heads were put on alert so that they would watch out for the armed robbers who might want to escape through routes in their jurisdictions.

*Metro* also learnt that Adeoye personally led some officers and men, including Special Anti-Robbery Squad operatives and mobile police to the robbery scene for on-the-spot assessment of the situation.

