

Five allegedly killed as robbers storm banks in Osun

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ABOUT five people were reportedly killed while yet to be ascertained number of people sustained gun shot injuries when armed robbers stormed two banks, located in Okuku, Osun State.

There are however, unclear reports on whether the armed robbers succeeded in gaining entrance into the banks or not while some claimed that they gained entrance and carted away millions of naira, others said they only succeeded in rob-

bing those on the premises of the banks.

An eyewitness told *Nigerian Tribune* that the armed robbers who stormed the banks around 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, dismantled the ATM machines fixed in front of the banks after shooting indiscriminately around the banks to scare people away.

One of the deceased, a motorcycle operator was said to be in front of one of the banks when the armed robbers shot him dead, while another man whose

identity is yet to be ascertained, was playing Ludo game in front of his house in the town when a stray bullet reportedly hit him.

The three others who died, according to sources, were people walking on the streets.

However, the prompt intervention of the state police command prevented further killing as *Nigerian Tribune* gathered that they responded to distress calls from people and swung into action.

Meanwhile, the state

Commissioner of Police, Olawale Olokode, is said to have been on the trail of the robbers.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mrs Yemisi Opalola, while speaking on the incident, said that the state police boss led the team of policemen who foiled the robbery to the scene of the incident.

However, as at the time of filling in this report, information on whether any of the armed robbers has been apprehended by security operatives was not clear.