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Armed robbers raid two banks in Osun, kill one, injure others

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ARMED robbers on Thursday attacked two new generation banks in Iree, in Boripe Local Government Area of Osun State, where they operated for some hours.

In the process, a yet-to-be identified person believed to be a student of the Osun State Polytechnic, located in the town, was killed.

According to an eyewitness, immediately the armed robbers entered the town, they began to shoot sporadically into the air to scare passersby before they stormed the two banks where they operated.

Customers who were at the Automated Teller Machine (ATM) points of one of the banks were said to have run for their lives, but one of them, believed to a

student of the polytechnic, was hit by a bullet fired by the robbers.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the robbers, who struck at about 3:00 p.m., later entered the two banks where they ordered customers to lie down on the floor and shut their eyes.

Another report, however, has it that though the robbers gained entrance into the premises of the banks, they were unable to break

into the vaults by the time police and local hunters in the town mobilised to combat them.

The development disrupted vehicular and human movements in the town as residents deserted the area, while shop owners hurriedly closed down business.

It was learnt that on getting to the robbery scene, the police and members of the vigilance group con-

fronted the robbers, which made them (robbers) retreat and escape through the Iree-Ada road.

A resident of the town who did not want to be named identified the deceased as Jelili Adeokin, just as he added that the victim was a son of a politician in the town.

The source said another resident of the town also sustained a gunshot injury on the leg.

He said the body of the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary of a nearby hospital, while those injured were already being treated as well.

The state police command, through the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Yemisi Opalola, while confirming the incident, said adequate security had been deployed in the town to combat the armed robbers.

Two 'one chance' robbers