

① Three feared killed as armed robbers attack two banks in Ekiti

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ARMED robbers on Wednesday attacked two financial institutions in Ikere-Ekiti, headquarters of Ikere Local Government Area of Ekiti State, reportedly killing three persons.

Sources revealed that the robbers killed a bank official and two security operatives believed to be men of the state Amotekun corps.

It was gathered that the armed robbers, numbering about 20, stormed the town at about 5:15p.m. and carried out the attacks on the two commercial banks simultaneously.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the robbers first attacked the Ikere command of the Amotekun Corps on Ise road and reportedly shot some operatives before attacking the banks.

A source said in "the well-coordinated attacks,

which lasted about 45 minutes, the armed robbers reportedly killed three persons while scores sustained varying degrees of injury."

According to the source, the hoodlums invaded the banks located at Odo Oja and Okeosun areas respectively and broke the security door with the aid of dynamites, before entering the banking halls.

The source disclosed that the dynamite blew up the entrance doors as well as

several cars parked in the vicinity of the banks.

He added the armed robbers, who split themselves into two groups, carted away unspecified amount of money.

Confirming the incident in a telephone chat with the *Nigerian Tribune*, the Ogoga of Ikere-Ekiti, Oba Adejimi Alagbado, expressed shock at the robbery incident, describing it as unfortunate.

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the armed robbers carried out the operations for several minutes unhindered and escaped despite presence of military checkpoints and police area command in the town.

Oba Alagbado said he had discussed the matter with security agencies and that those who carried out the attack must be arrested and prosecuted.

The traditional ruler said, "It is an unfortunate incident that we do not expect

to happen. The attacks were on two commercial banks. I have called the Area Commander, divisional police officer (DPO) and the Department of State Services (DSS) and they have all assured that the soldiers around the axis have been alerted."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Sunday Abutu, promised to get back to the *Nigerian Tribune* but he was yet to do so as of the time of filing in this report.