

Robbers kill two cops, one civilian

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ARMED robbers early on Monday killed two policemen and a civilian when they attempted to rob the Ring Road, Benin City branch of the First Bank of Nigeria PLC.

The incident came just two days after a new Commissioner of Police, Mr. Bala Hassan, assumed duties in Edo State.

Reports said the robbers had invaded the bank with

N100m for bursary
get N20million from the fund.

Undergraduates will have N50million while postgraduate students from various fields will benefit from a total of N30million.

He said the bursary was to reward deserving students and support them in their educational pursuits.

The commissioner said undergraduates would, however, require a 3.0 grade point average to qualify for the N50,000 allocated to each beneficiary in that category.

welding machines and acetylene gas and had broken into the bank when the police arrived the scene.

The robbers, whose number could not be ascertained, reportedly came in three vehicles.

In a gun duel with the police, the robbers killed one police inspector who was a member of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad before they escaped, blaring siren to clear their way.

Hassan told reporters that the robbers did not escape with any cash.

He described the incident as a challenge to him. He said he knew that he was not coming to Edo for a tea party, and would rise up to the challenge.

A riot policeman and a civilian fell to the bullet of the fleeing robbers at Sapele road inside a stationary police patrol vehicle.

"They thought the patrol vehicle was there to give them a chase, so, they opened fire on the vehicle and killed the mobile policeman and civilian occupants of the van," he said.