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Gunmen go berserk in Lagos, shoot three

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A gang of gunmen suspected to be armed robbers went wild in Lagos on Monday, shooting three persons including a riot policeman.



Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, Police Public

Two of the victims were believed to have died on the spot although all the three were rushed to a hospital immediately after the robbers fled.

Our correspondent learnt that the incident happened on Simbiat Abiola Way, Ikeja, at about 12 noon.

However, there were conflicting reports of the actual target of the bandits, who came in a vehicle and took the area, mostly populated by traders, by surprise.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the men actually came to raid the computer village in Ikeja, while another said they were on a mission to attack a bank in the

But as the presence of the armed men was noticed, the traders began to raise the alarm just as everyone in the vicinity tried to hide in a safe corner.

It was learnt that when the gunmen's incursion was resisted, they began to shoot indiscriminately.

Two policemen who were allegedly posted to the bank as security men were said to have responded and faced the bandits in a gun duel.

One of the policemen was among the three victims of the attack. It was gathered that he had died before he was taken to the hospital.

The incident sent jitters down the spines of people who witnessed or heard the gunshot sounds as they boomed rapidly.

Commercial activities were abruptly brought to a halt as the attack lasted. When our correspondent visited the scene at about 2pm, the victims had been evacuated while normal business activities were gradually returning.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday, said nobody died in the attack, but two persons were seriously injured.

He said although a team of policemen later chased the bandits to Abule-Egba area of the state, the gunmen could no longer be traced at a stage and they eventually escaped.

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