

One feared dead in Rivers bank robbery

Armed robbers on Friday stormed the Bori, Rivers State branch of a new generation bank and made away with an unspecified amount of money, killing one person on the spot.

The robbers, who included young girls, shot and wounded four persons, whose condition was said to be critical at press-time. Some of the wounded persons were students of the Rivers State Polytechnic, Bori, who were in the bank to pay their fees and sundry charges

Soni Daniel, Port Harcourt when the robbers struck.

Eyewitnesses said the robbers ordered everybody in the banking hall to lie face down before ransacking the bank for cash and other valuables. They also frisked customers and bank workers and collected valuables and money from them while some of the hoodlums mounted surveillance outside the premises.

As some of the panic-stricken customers and bank workers struggled to leave the

crowded banking hall, a major stampede ensued, forcing the robbers to shoot sporadically.

Reacting to the attack, the polytechnic's Rector, Dr. Barine Fakae, described the incident as unfortunate. Also, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Felix Ogbaudu, confirmed the robbery, but said the bandits only made away with N200,000 while they shot sporadically into the air, wounding people in the process.