

Robbers attack jewellery shops in Sokoto

A gang of armed robbers on Monday struck at the popular Old Market, Sokoto, carting away valuables including jewellery and cash.

One of the owners of the jewellery shops, Alhaji Sani Maiyankunne, was shot, while three others were injured in the ensuing shoot-out with the police.

An eyewitness, Malam Bulla Sani, told the *News Agency of Nigeria* that the robbers came in two vehicles and operated for about one hour.

The Commissioner of Police, Sokoto State Command, Alhaji Shehu Othman, confirmed the incident.

He said four members of the gang were killed by the police at Lambar Tureta village, about 50 kilometres east of Sokoto metropolis.

Othman said two civilians were killed by the robbers, while eight others were receiving treatment at the Sokoto Specialist Hospital for injuries from gunshots.

He said two vehicles were snatched by the robbers on the Sokoto-Gusua road, adding that other four members of the gang escaped during the encounter.