

## Robbers kill manager, others in bank raid

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**A**RMED robbers on Monday killed a manager of Union Bank branch in Ode-Irele, Ondo State during a raid on the bank.

Our correspondent gathered that a female worker of the bank was also shot dead by the bandit who stormed the bank with sophisticated weapons.

The manager whose name could not be ascertained as at the time of filing this report was reportedly killed inside the banking hall while the fe-

male worker was shot dead while trying to escape by scaling the fence of the bank.

It was learnt that one of the robbers had demanded for the key to bank's vault from the manager who was also inside the banking hall during the operation but the manager said he was not with the key.

A source also said that the bank manager's answer infuriated the robbers who thought the bank manager was playing pranks with them. The source added that the manager who was among those ordered to lie face down was shot

in the stomach and died on the spot.

Another eyewitness told our correspondent on the telephone that the robbers numbering about 10 came to the town through the waterway in Akotogbo.

He added that the bandit stormed the bank around 9:10am and went straight into the bank unchallenged and ordered customers to lie face down.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the bank premises was littered with blood stains after the operation

which sent fear through the town.

However, the robbers missed their main target. It was gathered that the bullion van which went to bring local government workers' salaries had not returned when the bandits struck.

But the robbers gathered all the money they could and escaped.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Adeniran Aremu, when contacted on the telephone said that he could not give the details of the incident.