

# Other News

## Robbers raid bank, kill three in Lagos

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**A**RMED robbers in the early hours of Tuesday stormed the Ladipo business community in Lagos, leaving three persons dead and others injured.

The battlefield was a street housing branches of commercial banks.

There were conflicting reports on the particular bank raided by the gang, but police authorities said it was a branch of Union Bank of Nigeria Plc.

A resident of the area who craved anonymity told *THE PUNCH* that the gang, which included about three ladies, successfully gained entrance into one of the banks.

While some of the gang were having a field day inside the bank, it was learnt that heavily-armed other members were on the alert on the main road.

Policemen attached to neighbouring banks reportedly fired gunshots into the air apparently to scare away the robbers.

Despite this, however, the armed men allegedly shot their way out of the bank and the area after what the eyewitness described as a successful operation.

In the process, the hoodlums reportedly killed a policeman and a bank customer.

A photograph of the victim made available to our correspondent showed him wearing a white T-shirt and a pair of brown shorts in a pool of blood surrounded by sympathisers.

He was said to have been shot in the skull.

But the spokesman of the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, said that nobody was killed in the crossfire.

While admitting that the robbers shot a policeman, Mba, a superintendent of police, said that the security operative was responding to treatment at an undisclosed private hospital.

He said that riot policemen who were drafted to the scene chased the gang to Gbagada on the Oworonsoki Expressway where the security operatives killed one of them.

In the process, Mba said that the hoodlums abandoned a Nissan Quest marked NK 700 KJA and an Honda CRV marked NW 330 KJA. The cars are currently in the custody of the police.

It was also learnt that the hoodlums, in their desperate bid to escape, went through the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway and also engaged in a shooting-spree at the old toll gate at the Lagos end of the road.

The stampede that resulted from the shooting paralysed activities on the ever-busy road as motorists and pedestrians scampered to safety.

Unconfirmed report said that some people sustained injuries in the process.