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# Policeman, pregnant woman die in Bayelsa gun battle

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A pregnant woman and a police officer were on Wednesday confirmed dead in a gun battle between the police and armed robbers in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital.

Our correspondent gathered that the woman was hit by a stray bullet during the gun battle that lasted for over two hours.

But the police officer was said to have fallen from a patrol van and died while chasing the robbers.

It was learnt that the robbers stormed the Amarata branch of the United Bank for Africa about 1pm.

They were said to have gained entrance into the banking hall, dispossessing customers and

bank workers of their valuables including money.

The bandits numbering about three were said to have arrived the bank on a Toyota Carina car.

Efforts by the robbers to break the vault were frustrated by the arrival of operatives of the newly established special police outfit codenamed *Operation Doo-Akpo*.

An employee of the bank was said to have contacted the police outfit who arrived the area and engaged the robbers in a shootout.

The shootout, however, caused panic in the area as people scampered to safety with some of the drivers abandoning their vehicles on the road.

The woman, who was hit by the bullet was said to have died when the police were trying to rush her to the Government House Clinic.

Meanwhile, there was confusion at the University of Jos on Wednesday as two gunmen invaded the permanent site of the university.

Our correspondent gathered that the gunmen suspected to be cultists had about noon stormed the Library of the university where the English Department Students were having their election and released a volley of bullets into the air.

Following this, three of the students were hit. One of them was identified as Miss Uju Imo, said to be a student of English department.

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