

Three robbers, policeman killed in Osun bank robberies

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Scene of the accident

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Armed robbers on Friday invaded and robbed some banks in Ikirun, the headquarters of Ifelodun Local Government Area of Osun State.

Our correspondent gathered that the robbers blew up the banks' security doors with improvised

explosive devices and carted away money from the banks.

Some residents said three banks were raided while some said the robbers attacked two banks during the operation.

The hoodlums were said to have first detonated some of the explosives close to the banks to scare away residents.

Some of the affected banks are Ikirun First Bank Plc; Skye Bank Plc; Union Bank and a community bank.

Sources in the town claimed that the three commercial banks were raided and some officials of the banks and customers were among the casualties but this could not be ascertained as of the time of filing this report.

One of the residents who identified himself as Bola said, "The three banks were attacked and there are many casualties on the site of the robbers, the police and the residents."

But the prompt response of the police to the distress call from the town was said to have prevented the robbers from escaping with their loots.

It was gathered that the police team deployed in the town barricaded all the roads to the town and the hoodlums engaged the police in a gun duel, which lasted over 30 minutes.

Three members of the gang were said to have been shot dead by the police team while one was injured and another one was arrested.

One of the policemen was said to have been killed by the robbers before they abandoned the vehicles they brought for the operation and fled inside the residential area in the town.

A police source told our correspondent that two robbers were killed while one was wounded and another one was arrested. He also said a policeman was shot dead during the shootout.

The police source added that two pistols were recovered from the hoodlums as well as the money stolen by the armed robbers.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Kola Sodipo, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on the telephone, said some of the robbers were killed.

He said, "I cannot give you any figure now but there are casualties. We are still in Ikirun now, we are combing the bushes. We don't want any of them to escape."

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