

5 killed as robbers invade 3 Kogi banks

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FIVE people were allegedly killed as dare devil armed robbers, in coordinated attacks yesterday, invaded three banks in Ankpa in the Eastern senatorial district of Kogi State and carted away millions of naira, while several people were said to be injured.

Among the casualties were said to be two ladies, with one identified as Ummi, and three men who were said to be bank customers. Their bodies were said to have been deposited at a private hospital, Ankpa.

A witness said the robbers invaded the community at about 2pm and began to shoot sporadically to enable them gain access to the bank's vaults where they allegedly carted away millions of naira. The incident was said to have caused serious pandemonium in the area and its environs as shops were hurriedly closed, while people scampered for safety.

Although the police re-

fused to confirm any casualty figures in the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, Willy Aya, confirmed the incident in a press statement.

The statement reads: "Consequent upon the robbery attack on UBA, First Bank and Zenith Bank, Ankpa, simultaneously, the Commissioner of Police,

Kogi State Police Command, Edward Egbuka, immediately led a team of tactical operatives to the scenes for on-the-spot assessment.

"He has equally ordered the deployment of additional operational assets, consisting of operatives of the Police Mobile Force, Counter Terrorism Unit, Quick Response

Unit, State Intelligence Bureau, in synergy with other security agencies, to restore normalcy in the area.

"Meanwhile, the police personnel on duty, both at the station and the banks, quickly recovered from the sudden attack and gallantly repelled the attackers.

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5 die in Jigawa boat mishap

From **Desmond Mgboh**, Kano

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FOUR women, and a seven-month-old baby, died yesterday, died in a tragic boat mishap which occurred in Jigawa State.

The accident occurred when a local canoe traveling from Nguru, Yobe State, to Adiyani village in Guri Local Government Area (LGA), Jigawa State, capsised in the river.

A statement by the spokesman of the Jigawa State Police Command, DSP Lawan Shisu Adam, regretted that the canoe capsised when the victims were almost close to their destination.

He pointed out that three bodies were initially recovered on the spot of the mishap by locals, saying the victims included Oneyaniwura Kasagama, aged 50, Lafiya Mallam Bulama, aged 40, and Mai Madu Mallam Bulama, aged seven months.

He added that the remaining two bodies, Badejaka Kasagama and Gimto Kasagama of Adiyani village, were

recovered by the local divers.

The statement added that the bodies of the deceased had been taken to Adiyani Primary Health Care (PHC), where they were certified dead by the medical workers on duty.

The statement explained that while the passengers were killed by the mishap, the driver of the canoe was rescued by the local drivers.



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