Robbers raid bank, kill six in Osun

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Armed robbers yesterday attacked a branch of Polaris Bank in Ila-Orangun in Ila Local Government Area of Osun State and killed six people.

Ila-Orangun is the country home of former Governor of the state and former National Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Chief Bisi Akande.

The robbers, who stormed the bank early in the morning, according to witnesses, carted away

millions of naira from the bank.

They also beat those present in the bank and injured several others.

During the operation, which lasted several hours, residents of the area ran in different directions while motorists deserted the area to avoid being killed.

Many business owners hurriedly closed their shops while residents who could not run away locked themselves inside their homes.

The police were drafted to the scene and reportedly engaged the robbers in a gun battle which was on as

at 7p.m.

However, identities of those killed or wounded could not be ascertained at press time.

It was learnt that bodies of those killed were deposited at a mortuary in the town while the injured were evacuated to an undisclosed hospital for medical attention.

When contacted about 7.12p.m., the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mrs. Folasade Odoro, confirmed the incident.

She, however, said the shootout between the police and the robbers was still ongoing.