

# 4 Policemen, 2 Others Killed In Bank Robbery

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food joint located some few blocks from the bank.

All the money made on Sunday by staff of the eatery

were allegedly carted away by the gunmen who held police officers in a fierce gun battle, which residents said lasted from 1 a.m. till 4 a.m..

The four deceased policemen, include one Inspector, two Sergeants and a Corporal. They were among the advance party of officers who arrived the place at the instance of the State Commissioner of Police, Mr Emmanuel Adebayo.

Eye witnesses said some of the robbers were dressed in military uniform, while others were in mobile police officers outfit.

Report has it that the robbers, who arrived the place in a convoy of about three vehicles, robbed the eatery, before the bank.

They held security men stationed at the bank hostage at gunpoint, before gaining access into the banking hall and broke into its strong room.

They succeeded in breaking into some of the safes in the bank with the aid of a cutting machine.

Though, the police alleged

that the robbery was not successful, residents alleged that many of the safe were smashed open, adding that the professional way the robbers went on with the operation was an indication that they were professionals.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Olubode Ojajuni, who confirmed the death of the four officers, said the robbery started at about 1 a.m. yesterday.

Ojajuni, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said the Command received a distress call that some hoodlums were at the verge of robbing a bank.

Following the receipt of the information, he said a team of Policemen from the anti-robbery section of the Command were drafted to the place.

"Unfortunately, we lost four of our best officers in the process. The four policemen, a Police Inspector, two Sergeants and a Corporal, were among the advance party."

## Muslims Fasting

between him and his deputy Atiku Abubakar, but a statement from the presidency quoted Obasanjo as explaining to Ministers and some of his personal aides whom he hosted at the first breaking of fast at State House on Monday that he has been "participating in the annual Ramadan fast with Muslims for

the past seven years in order to help blunt the religious divisions in the country."

According to the statement signed by Musa Adwak "The President was speaking Irrespective of our acclaimed religions, when we join each other to dine and celebrate major events together, we are blunting the religious divisions and bringing each other closer," he stated.

According to the statement, "the Christian clergymen who had joined Obasanjo in breaking fast during Ramadan in the past found the experience worthy of emulation and pledged to do the same in their locations."

## Nwude Bail

alleged to have assaulted one Dayo Ogunseye, an Assistant Manager with Standard Trust Bank (STB) Plc., now merged with United Bank for Africa (UBA), on the day of the bomb hoax, after proceedings were disrupted before Justice

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