

P/Harcourt: Navy Kills Militants

An attempt to rob two new generation banks at GRA junction, Aba Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, in the early hours of yesterday failed, as the police was able to cordon-off the area, though the robbers escaped.

This is as five people, including a policeman were feared dead in Emuoha, following clashes for undisclosed reasons, while the Navy killed two militants and wounded two in a clash at Cawthorn Channel.

The robbers gained entry into Zenith and Guaranty Trust banks located beside each other, the police were alerted and dispatched their men to the scene.

It was not, however, clear how the robbers who were surrounded by the police team that raced to the scene managed to escape, while none of the bank officials approached to confirm

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how much was carted away agreed to volunteer information.

Some who spoke under conditions of anonymity, confirmed the attack, but said they could not gain access into any of the vaults of both banks

before the police arrived.

Confirming the incident, Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs Ireju Barasua, said the robbers did not succeed.

However, sources said the robbers stormed the banks following the public holiday declared on Wednesday, and calculated that deposits of the previous day was still there.

Bellview Aircraft Makes Emergency L

Again, another tragedy was averted at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport yesterday, when Bellview aircraft lost one of its engines as it was about to land, forcing its pilot to make emergency landing, barely 24 hours a Virgin Nigeria's Boeing 737-300 plane made an air return to the same airport when its pilot noticed undercarriage problem.

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The Bellview aircraft pilot, sensing danger, contacted the control tower of the emergency landing, which rallied round to prepare for emergency landing.

The aircraft was said to have landed successfully with only one engine.

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