

Apapa Bank Robbery: 1 Naval Officer Feared Dead

One out of the four naval ratings that were shot by a gang of robbers who attempted to rob a new generation bank on Creek Road, Apapa, Wednesday has been reported dead.

The other three are still on the danger list in an undisclosed hospital in Lagos. Though, the identities of those that were involved in the attack could not be ascertained as at the time this report was filed, but sources said that they were actually on patrol of the area before they ran into the armed bandit on speed boat.

A senior police source attached to the Lagos State Police Command who claimed to have visited the injured officers in the hospital told THISDAY that one of them died yesterday morning. However, an unconfirmed report has it that the other three died later yesterday as a result of the injuries they sustained but how true this was could not be confirmed.

Another senior police source said the robbers attacked the naval men and carted away their service rifles.

By Eugene Agha

According to him, the robbers came through the Lagoon in two boats. They fired into a speed boat carrying some naval men, injuring four of them.

The robbers made away with their rifles, before they stormed the bank. He further said that it was the combined effort of Mobile police men attached to the various banks in the area that foiled the operation.

"They escaped through the

water, abandoning the operation in the process.

The police officers however, admitted that the attack caused serious pandemonium in the area. Most of those who were in Apapa scampered for safety for fear of being caught in the cross fire. But the Command Information Officer (CINFO), Western Naval Command, Lieutenant Commander Frankov told THISDAY that none of their men died during the attack. She said that those who sustained injuries were being treated in the hospital.

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