

Robbers Invade Bank, Kill 2

Ayangba in Kogi State, was yesterday thrown into panic, as dare-devil armed robbers attacked a first generation bank branch in the town, killing a Police Inspector and a civilian, while several millions of naira was carted away.

THISDAY gathered that the hoodlums, who arrived the bank at about 11a.m., operated smoothly for about one hour, ordered staff and customers to cooperate or risk being killed.

The robbers were armed with sophisticated weapons, while a police Inspector, Isiaka Ismaila and a civilian whose identity is yet to be ascertained, killed by the robbers while trying to escape.

Over two million naira was recovered from the scene of the incident, apparently left behind by the gang when it became obvious that they could be caught.

When contacted, Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr Onum Inalegwu, confirmed the incident, adding that

From Wole Ayodele

in Lokoja

four policemen were also wounded in the attack.

While revealing that nobody has been arrested so far in connection with the incident, Inalegwu said efforts were being made to track down the robbers

and their collaborators.

In another development, an unidentified man was also killed by yet to be identified gunmen along Ayangba/Ejule road, in the same local government.

The young man, who was reportedly trailed by three armed men from Akungba to the junction, was said to have been shot in the head.

Customs Impounds N2bn Cont

The Federal Operations Unit (F.O.U), Zone 'A' of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has impounded contraband goods worth over N2 billion.

The Comptroller of the unit, Mr Rasheed Taiwo, told newsmen in Lagos yesterday that the goods were intercepted few days ago.

Taiwo said that the goods seized included textiles, second-hand clothes, jewelry, vegetable oil, wheel barrows and bags of rice.

He said that the goods were intercepted at the Nigeria-Benin Republic border areas of Seme and Idi-Iroko, Ijebu-Ode and Ondo State.

Taiwo said that seizures with Duty Paid Value (DPV) of N342 million were also recorded in the first quarter of the year.

According to him, these include 367 units of used vehicles, 149,349 pieces of textile materials, 873 bales of new and second-hand clothes