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Two Killed in Kwara Bank Robbery

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Police Headquarters

Hammed Shittu in Ilorin

The malaise of audacious broad day robbery spread yesterday to the quiet town of Share in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, when dare devil robbers attacked a first

generation bank in the town, killing two security personnel.

Last Sunday, robbers had literally seized Lagos city, carrying out multiple raids, that left seven persons killed and huge sums of money stolen from targeted Bureaus De Change. This had prompted the Inspector General of Police to urge the police officers to wake up from their slumber and tackle the “common charlatan criminals” terrorizing the state.

At the Share robbery incident, eyewitness accounts said that the armed robbers numbering about nine, stormed the bank around 10.30 a.m yesterday and ordered the staff members of the bank and the customers to lie down, with faces to the ground.

It was gathered that, the hoodlums, who came in three vehicles and sophisticated weapons were said to have gained entrance into the bank after they used their sophisticated weapons to break its main entrance.

With five members of the gang securing the outside, the other four within the banking hall took their time frisking everybody and gathering every money they could lay their hands on.

Eyewitness account told newsmen in Ilorin Wednesday that, after gaining entrance, the armed robbers were said raided from the counters to the bank's till, carting away large sums of money.

The development however threw the whole town into confusion. The people were awe-struck and fled in different directions as bullets were literally flying in the air. The

robbers kept shooting into the air as they exhibited a great show of their mastery of the weapon. Many of the residents while fleeing, had sustained severe injuries.

The operation according to the sources in the town lasted for two hours. Some residents were said to have contacted the police divisional station at Oke Oyi in the Ilorin East local government area, informing them of the attack. It was further gathered that the Police at Oke Oyi had preferred to block the only escape route for the robbers rather than confront them at the scene of the robbery.

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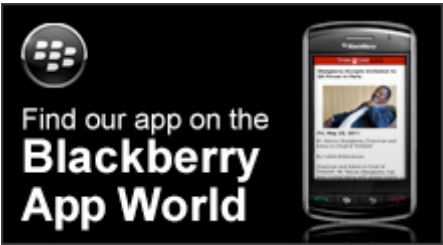


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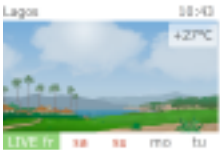
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