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6 Die In Bank Robbery, Bomb Blast In Gombe

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Three people were feared killed during an armed robbery attack that occurred on Wednesday evening at a branch of an old generation bank, Ashaka, Gombe State, just as a bomb blast in the area killed three children.

An eyewitness, Gani Adamu, while narrating the incident to Saturday Tribune, said that armed men numbering about 10 drove to the area in two unmarked cars, a Honda Accord and Toyota Previa, shooting sporadically, after which they headed towards the bank.

He added that people around the area, on hearing the gunshots, ran for cover as the robbers operated. The robbers forced themselves into the bank and left hurriedly after the operation.

There was an ensuing bomb blast from explosives suspected to have been left behind by the armed robbers, after using same to force open the vault of the bank during the operation. Another explosive, left behind inside the banking hall exploded the following day, but did not kill anybody.

While confirming the robbery, the Gombe State Police Command said that it received the report of the robbery, but could not ascertain the actual number of the people killed or injured during the operation.

While confirming the incident, the Public Relations Officer of the Gombe State Police Command, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Ahmed Doma, said that security operatives had since swung into action to track down the armed robbers, adding that all the bushes in the area were being combed to fish them out. He also called on anyone with any useful information that would help the Police in arresting the robbers to volunteer.

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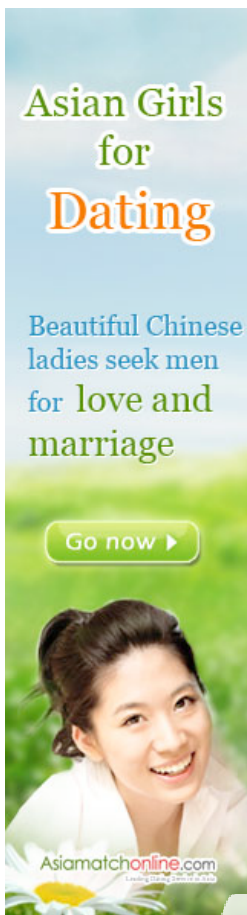
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