

Robbers on the rampage in Kogi •Kill 10, invade 3 banks

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SUSPECTED armed robbers, on Tuesday, stormed three banks in Okene, Okene Local Government Area of Kogi State, and carted away millions of naira, leaving over 10 people dead.

The banks were UBA, Intercontinental Bank and GTB.

Sources disclosed to the Nigerian Tribune that 10 people were killed at different areas during the robbery, which left the security agents dumbfounded.

A source who was at the scene of the robbery confirmed to our correspondent that the robbers, numbering over 20, stormed the city at about 3.00 p.m., armed with AK 47 rifles and other dangerous weapons.

According to the source, the robbers came in cars such as Toyota Jeep, Mecedez Benz, and End of Discussion and Honda Accord.

The source added that people, including policemen, took cover as the robbers turned the city into a war zone.

Travellers who were going to the North had to make a 'U' turn to avoid the robbers.

All shops, banks and some police stations across the town were closed.

The robbery, which lasted over one hour, saw many people running helter skelter for their dear livee as a result of the situation.

Parents stormed schools to evacuate their children, as all networks in that area were paralysed.

Meanwhile, the Public Relations Officer of the Kogi State Police command, Mr Ajayi Okasomi, confirmed the robbery, saying the police found it difficult to contact their men in Okene due to communication breakdown.

He also said he could not confirm if any lives were lost during the raid.

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