

Robbers raid bank, kill guard in Benin

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BENIN—ARMED bandits yesterday attacked a branch of a new generation bank in

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the state both disclosed the operational and legal constraints that they would face in keeping with the February 24 date.

They cited the non-availability of the updated voters register and the constitutional requirement that the register be displayed at least sixty days to the elections.

Speaker after speaker at the forum drawn from representatives of various political parties and their candidates, serving political appointees and elected officials from the state, all were unanimous in the decision that as the law does not

Benin City, shot a security guard and carted away millions of naira.

The robbers who were said to have arrived the bank premises at about 1am, shooting sporadically, operated for over two hours without any interruption from security agents.

Vanguard gathered that the robbers numbering over twenty gained entrance easily into the bank as they encountered no problem breaking into the vault with the use of welding machines, gas cylinder and iron cutters.

The security guard was shot immediately the robbers stormed the bank.

When *Vanguard* visited the bank about 2pm yesterday, policemen had cordoned off the place while customers were asked to go back.

The State Police Public Relations Officer in the state, ASP Peter Ogboi confirmed the incident, explaining that the police was unable to respond early enough because they received the information late.