

Robbers raid bank, kill 2

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THERE were fears at press time that nothing less than three persons would have lost their lives to bullets from robbers who raided a new generation bank at Bori in Khana local government area of Rivers State yesterday. Community sources told *Saturday Vanguard* that the underworld men stormed the banking hall and immediately ordered depositors and other customers to lie face down. They reportedly ransacked the whole place for cash.

While the operation lasted, according to the source, there was sudden stampede in the area, which immediately caused the robbers to start shooting sporadically at all directions. In the shooting spree stray bullets, the source said, killed about two persons while several others were severely injured. When contacted on phone, the state Police Commissioner, Mr. Felix Ogbaudu, confirmed the robbery incident but quickly added that he was yet to get the details.

It would be noted that bank robbery has become a reoccurring incident in the state. Two weeks ago about three banks were successfully raided in the state.

Reacting to the development, some depositors who spoke to the *Saturday Vanguard* urged banks to raise security in their premises. Situations where banks are successfully raided during operational hours, they said, is a very sad commentary.