

Robbers kill 4 cops, raid 6 banks in Anambra

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A WKA— ARMED robbers, yesterday, launched a fresh onslaught in Anambra State killing four policemen — an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP),

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an Inspector, a Sergeant and a Constable — at Obosi.

The policemen who were shot at close range were said to be returning from a patrol duty when they were attacked and killed by the robbers. The robbers also later attacked six commercial banks in Nnewi, the industrial city of the state which is about 10 kilometres from Obosi where the four policemen were earlier killed by the hoodlums. The banks robbery was said to have lasted between midnight and 5 a.m.

Governor Peter Obi during a visit to the attacked banks expressed shock at the level of destruction and sophistication of the robbery operation.

Though the robbers failed to gain access to the strongroom of the banks, it was, however, learnt that they succeeded in stealing an un-

disclosed sum of money from one of the banks. Recovered at the scenes of the robberies were sledge hammers, gas cylinders among other equipment.

Also recovered by the police were 887 expended bullet shells as well as three live bullets.

Securitymen on guard at the banks were said to have taken cover for dear lives when they found they could not withstand the heavy firepower of the robbers.

Meanwhile, the PDP governorship candidate for Anambra State for next month's election, Chief Andy Uba, has decried what he called "the worsening security situation in Anambra State."

He sympathised with the families of the slain policemen and challenged the Anambra State government to rise up to the challenge posed by the security situation in the state. He spoke through his Media Director, Mr. Chuks Akunna.