Two policemen killed as robbers raid Computer Village

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LAGOS—TWO police men were yesterday shot dead while sums of money and computer accessories including handsets were stolen by a gang of armed robbers who invaded the popular computer village in Ikeja, Lagos. Though, no life was lost during the raid, the rampaging armed robbers engaged a team of Police men that arrived the scene in a gun battle that lasted for hours.

Reports said the robbers who were heavily armed gained entry into the computer village around 12 midnight through one of the back streets and started breaking into stores and warehouses. They reportedly overpowered both the private security guards and men of the Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) after releasing several shots and descended on every valuable thing at sight.

It was gathered that they broke into many warehouses and stores and succeeded in carting away millions of naira including computer accessories, handsets and other valuables. Their operation was however cut short following the arrival of a team of anti-robbery Policemen from Area F, Ikeja.

Eyewitness account said immediately the team of anti-robbery Policemen arrived, the robbers engaged them in a heavy shootout which lasted for over three hours. Sources said that when the robbers stiffly resisted being flushed out, the police quickly sent for a re-enforcement which promptly arrived with an Armored Personnel Carrier (APC).