

# Two cops, others feared killed in botched bank robbery

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**L**AGOS—AT least four persons including two policemen were feared shot dead yesterday by armed robbers in Lagos in a failed bank robbery.

The incident which happened as the hoodlums wanted to attack one of the first generation banks in Ilupeju caused pandemonium as residents and passers-by scampered for safety. Police sources said the armed gang numbering eight and armed with sophisticated weapons had stormed the bank at about 10.30 am in two unmarked vehicles and began shooting.

According to sources, a team of anti-robbery policemen promptly stormed the area and engaged the bandits in a cross fire following which they bowed to the superior fire power of the police and fled. However, while they were escaping, the robbers reportedly sighted some policemen controlling traffic by Anthony round about and they opened fire on them. Two other persons whose identities were yet to be ascertained as at press time were shot dead on the spot. At about 11.00am when *Vanguard* visited, the yet to be identified corpses lay on the ground.