

Robbers on rampage in Adamawa

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ARMED bandits numbering about 20 have laid siege on Mubi, the commercial nerve centre of Adamawa State. No fewer than three commercial banks were robbed and cash worth millions of naira carted away by the armed robbers.

Announcing the robbery incident in Yola, weekend, the state commissioner of police Mr. Aloy Okorie, said the rampaging robbers were, however, not all that lucky as five of them were killed while seven others were arrested in a shootout with the police.

He added that the slain bandits included a serving mobile police sergeant while the number of civilian casualties arising from the sporadic shooting of the armed robbers could as yet not be ascertained. But, reports from Mubi have it that more than 30 persons were receiving treatment at various hospitals in the town from injuries sustained as a result of stray bullets.

Giving a vivid account of the robbery incident, Okorie said the robbers stormed the two banks simultaneously in two vehicles in a daylight robbery. He added while the robbery was in progress, the police in the area through their

- **30 injured, 3 banks attacked**
- **Sgt turned bandit, 4 others killed**

GSM sets started alerting surrounding divisional police stations.

"The divisional police stations along the Yola-Biu-Maiduguri road where the robbers were fleeing through were alive to their responsibilities, mobilised and matched fire for fire with the hoodlums and in the process two of the fleeing robbers were gunned down", he stated..

He added that as the robbers were moving towards Maiduguri, divisional police stations in Biu,

Damboa and others along the highway equally mobilized their officers and the joint operations with officers of the Adamawa State police command pursuing the bandits yielded fruitful results, leading to the killing of five while others fled.

The police boss further confirmed that some of the fled hoodlums were later arrested at the Maiduguri Motor Park where they gathered to board a commercial vehicle with their loot to various destinations.

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BUSINESS managers in Ibadan Distribution zone of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) Plc have been urged to ensure that bills issued to customers of the company accurately reflect the energy they consume. Giving the charge was the chief executive officer of the zone, Engr. Kolawole Oni at an enlarged management/cash collection meeting of PHCN Ibadan Zone, hosted by Ota

Business Unit of the company.

The PHCN boss told the gathering which comprised senior management staff from its zonal headquarters as well as the company's twelve districts spanning Ogun, Osun, Oyo, Kwara and parts of Ekiti and Kogi states that "the company is not in business to cheat any customer neither is it in business to be cheated, hence the need to ensure fairness and equity in our billing