

Three policemen, one other killed as robbers raid banks in Lagos, Osun

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LAGOS—THREE police men and one other person lay dead in Lagos and Osun states yesterday in the aftermath of three bank robberies.

Several other persons including the manager of the

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closed door session during which the legislative body considered the alleged "weighty" security impediments against the trio, the Senate resolved that it would not be held hostage to security concerns about the nominees.

→ Lagos bank located at Fagba area, Iju were initially injured.

The nine-man gang arrived the bank at about 10 am. Three women were sighted in their midst. Some of them went in pretending to be customers while others positioned themselves outside to repulse any intrusion.

It was gathered that they shot the bank manager after he refused to release the key of the vault. Meanwhile, pandemonium broke out outside after the robbers blocked the roads. Motorists abandoned their vehicles and fled.

A commercial motorcyclist who was trying to escape from the area was shot in the head by one of the robbers.

The police said they foiled the robbery but confirmed

losing two of their men. One of the victims was on guard duty at the bank while the other was shot inside a police patrol van of Meiran when the fleeing robbers were shooting indiscriminately to scare people.

Lagos State Police Commissioner, Mr. Mohamed Abubakar confirmed the death but vowed that the killing of an inspector and a constable would not stop the command from fighting crime.

→ The people of Ibokrin in Osun joined forces with the police in foiling an attempt to rob a bank in the town.

The robbers sensing danger abandoned the two jeeps they had brought for the operation.

On arriving at the bank pre-

mises they started shooting sporadically into the air apparently to scare away but luck ran against them as radio announcements intermittently aired on the state broadcasting corporation attracted the public and police to the scene.

When the robbers discovered that the game was up they abandoned the operation, jumped into their vehicles and attempted to escape with the two vehicles before they were overpowered by the police and the public which forced them to abandon the vehicles and took to their heels.

In a separate operation at Ede, the robbers ordered the manager of bank they went to attack to carry the bags containing money into the waiting car of the robbers.