

# Robbers raid Makurdi bank, kill two policemen

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**MAKURDI**—A group of well armed men believed to be robbers numbering about six Monday afternoon stormed the Oju LGA branch of Union Bank, killing two police officers on guard at the time and carting away millions of Naira in the process.

An eye witness told *Vanguard* that the robbers who stormed the bank in two cars in a commando fashion armed with sophisticated weapons shot sporadically to scare away any perceived opposition before gaining entrance into the premises of the bank.

Our witness further stressed that the gun duel that ensued between the robbers and a detachment of men of the state police command stationed at the premises of the bank resulted in four persons sustaining serious gun shot injuries.

Two of the four persons who are police officers were confirmed dead, following the serious injuries they sustained while two others are still receiving treatment in a private hospital.

Our witness further disclosed that the robbers also suffered some losses, as the driver of one of their vehicles was shot dead by the police but they succeeded in dragging his remains into a Mercedes Benz car and sped away through the Oju-Otukpo road.

Reacting to the rather bizarre incident, the Oju Council Chairman, Chief Paulinus Ochelle, expressed shock and worry at the attack, sympathizing with families of those who lost their lives in the incident. He promised that the LG would assist them.