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THREE armed robbers were yesterday killed by policemen after a 15-man gang of dare-devil armed robbers swooped on a first generation bank located directly opposite the gate of the Oyo State Government Secretariat, Ibadan.

After about an hour operation, the robbers who reportedly came in two vehicles gunned down a police inspector and wounded another who reportedly fired a warning shot to raise alarm. It was gathered that a policeman at a nearby commercial bank was shot while the team leader at the bank had his body shattered.

Other casualties including policemen were also recorded when the security men engaged the fleeing robbers in a gun duel.

The robbers, after a successful operation at the bank were escaping through Akanran road when they ran into some policemen at the checkpoints. They were said to have opened fire on them and turned back to escape.

It was observed that the bank did not have the security door like other banks in Ibadan metropolis which reportedly made the operation easy for the robbers.

As at press time, the total casualty figure was still sketchy as the police were said to have mobilised their men to be on red alert.

Confirming the death of a police inspector at the scene of the robbery, the Police Public Relations Officer of the command, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, said in another shoot out at Akanran, the robbers and police recorded casualties but was silent on the actual figure of policemen that were killed.

Vanguard gathered that the robbers who wore mobile police uniforms positioned themselves within the vicinity of the bank assuring customers that walked into the trap that they would not be hurt if they cooperated.

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