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There was bloodbath Monday at Ojo Road, in the densely populated Ajegunle area of Lagos, as three persons were shot dead by robbers who raided a petrol station. The bandits numbering eight, according to eyewitness, stormed Jonek Petrol Station by Ligali bus-stop, Ojo Road, at about 12.50 p.m. in four motorcycles.

While four of them remained on the motorcycles, their colleagues reportedly brought out their weapons and ordered everyone to lie flat, threatening to shoot anyone who violates the order.

Three of them, thereafter, made for one of the offices where payment for a just off loaded petroleum product was about to be made. Attempt to forcefully drag the money from the pay officer reportedly met stiff resistance, which led to his being shot in the chest.

Another female attendant said to have been with an unspecified amount that was supposed to be added to the one with the pay officer, was also shot in the head and the money taken.

The bandits were said to have stuff the money in two Ghana-Must-Go bags and left the office. On their way out, they fired indiscriminately in the process of which another attendant was hit by stray bullet in the stomach.

About five other persons said to have also been hit by stray bullets were rushed to two hospitals along Ojo Road, where unfortunately, they were rejected by nurses who insisted they brought police report.

The reverberating gun shots alerted policemen at Layeni Division which was just two bus-stops away from the scene. But before their arrival, the bandits had escaped through a canal in Charles Avenue.



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