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## Nigeria: Police Kill 6 in Akwa Ibom Bank Robbery

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Uyo — Six out of the more than twelve bank robbers that stormed the Ikot Abasi branch of an old generation bank in Akwa Ibom State are now six feet deep in the ground, as they were shot and buried in the Ikot Abasi burial ground by the state police command.

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This was after villagers of Ikot Oboro Enyin in Edemaya who rounded up the robbers handed them over to the police.

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While three of the policemen badly injured during the operation have been admitted in an unidentified hospital in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, the 17-year-old apprentice on welding shot dead during the bank raid has been buried in his home town at Idiaba, Nsit Atai local government

area of the state.

The state police commissioner, Mr. Walter Relgbere, who spoke to Vanguard on the security situation in the state during the yuletide, said his men have made major breakthroughs in stemming the tide of crime, disclosing that arms used by the bandits during the raid were also recovered.

Rulgbere who also disclosed that the men of the underworld had made away with undisclosed money found on the bank counter however was happy that none of his men lost their lives and that part of the loot was recovered, while the hoodlums were fleeing the scene of the robbery.

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The robbers who arrived the bank premises while salaries of teachers who were preparing for Xmas and Prison Pensioners were being paid had according to source made away with all monies found in the banking hall after they succeeded in overpowering the bank security operatives, but lost their bearing on the track to escape out of the town before nemesis spooked on them while they were trying to intimidate some innocent village women who later raised alarm to show them the way out.

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Two of the robbers the source also disclosed lost their lives as they got drowned in the Ikot Abasi river while they were chased by the men of the police force who came in the gun boat procured by the Akpabio administration to aid the police combat

crime in the state, while an indigene of the area suspected to be a member of the gang and who using his motorcycle to do surveillance while their operation lasted was also apprehended by youths in the Town, badly beaten up and handed over to the police.

An indigene of Ikot Abasi and a staff of the Aluminium Smelter Company, AC RUSAL, former Alcon, however commended the state police Commissioner for working round the clock to curb the incidences of crime especially throughout the festive period.

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