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## Robbers kill salesgirl, injure two in Enugu

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**E**NUGU — AN eight-man gang of robbers at the weekend attacked the building materials market at New GRA Abakpa in Enugu East Local Government Area of Enugu State, killing a salesgirl and inflicted gunshot wounds on two other traders.

The robbers, who struck at about 1pm, were

said to have raided shop after shop carting away cash to the tune of over one million naira from their victims.

An eyewitness said the bandits arrived the market located along NOWAS—Nike Lake Hotel road and began their operation which lasted about an hour unchallenged.

Traffic on the road was halted during the operation as the robbers blocked both ends of the road forcing motorists to take other routes while those caught in between were forced to lie face down.

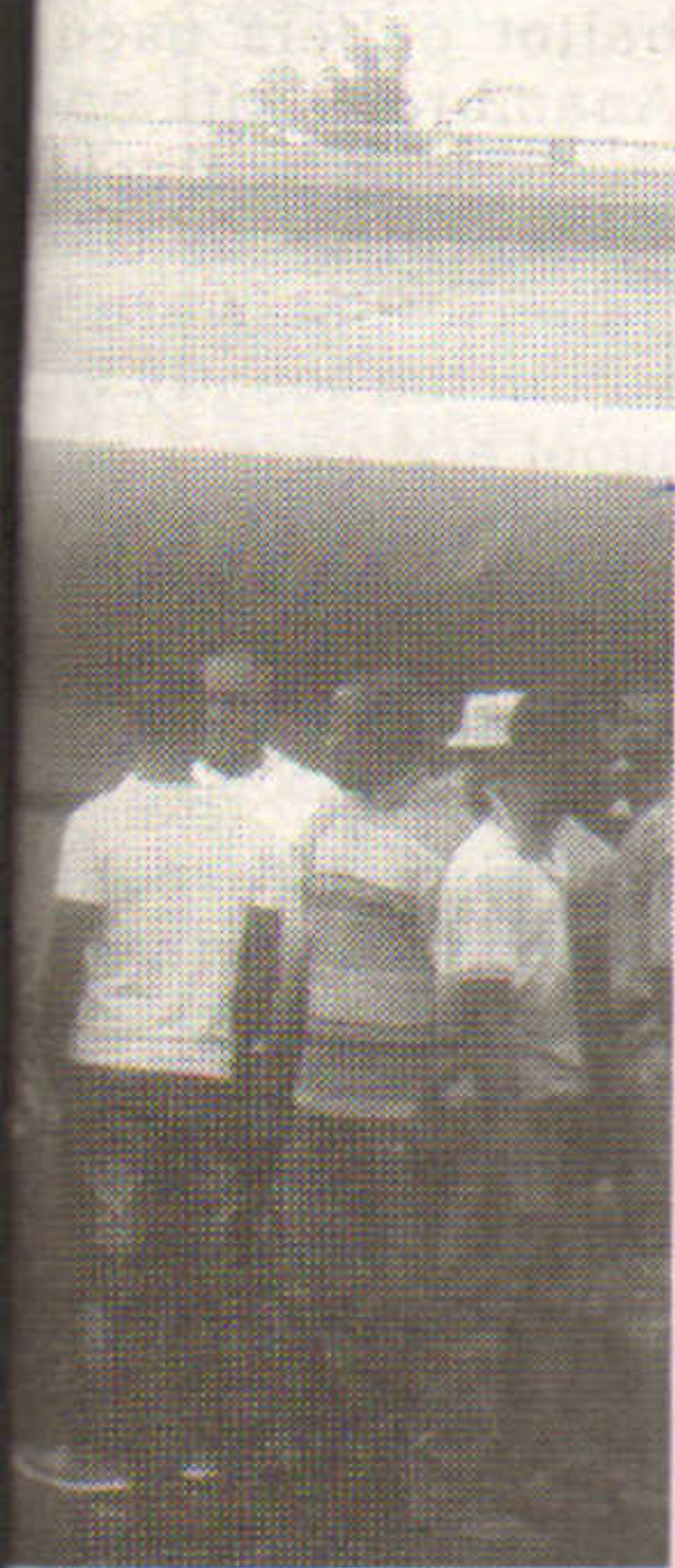
The young salesgirl who was in her master's shop at the time of the operation was said to have refused giving them the day's proceeds and apparently angered by her resistance, one of the bandits shot her dead instantly.

have held in other branches of the construction firm across Lagos State, with the protesters carrying placards some of which read: "Julius Berger, respect the rule of law," and some other unprintable words which indicted some management staff.

One of the protesters who gave his name as Bayo Oladoyin, told *Vanguard*: "Some time ago, we received news that the management had contracted a security outfit to take over our jobs. We spoke with them and they agreed that before this month they would compensate us before the new arrangement. But they have not kept their words. This is not fair, we have laboured for them all these years only to be laid off like that.

"We are not saying that management has no right to disengage its staff, what we are against is the manner in which it is being done. We are insisting that due process must be followed by paying workers their entitlements. This is a breach of contract."

Another aggrieved staff described the action as inhuman, saying: "Keeping us as contract security men is selfish as it only favours management of the company."



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