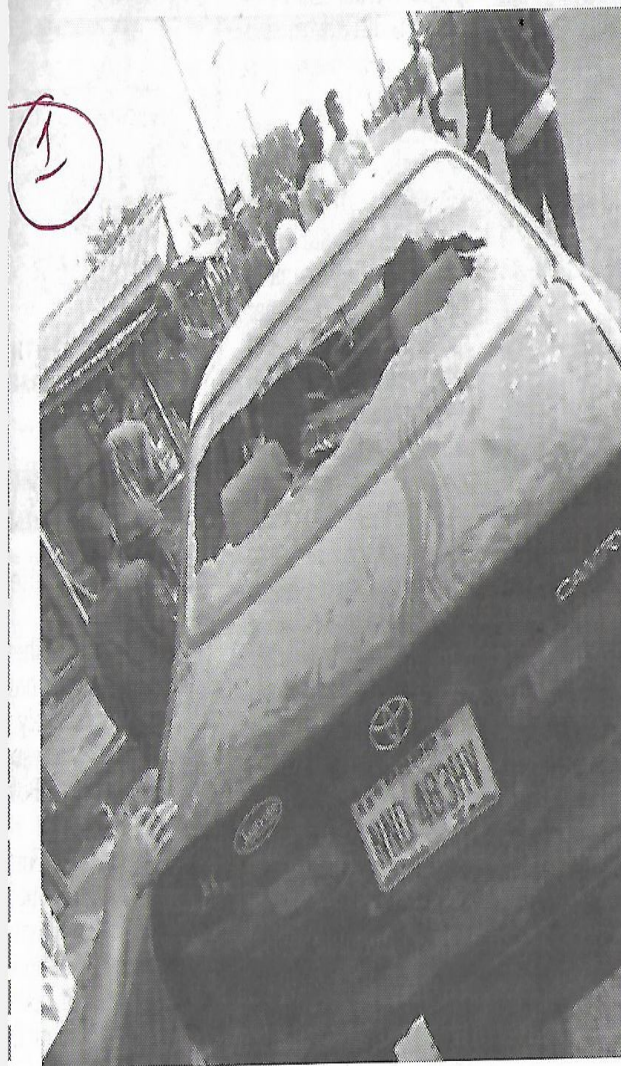
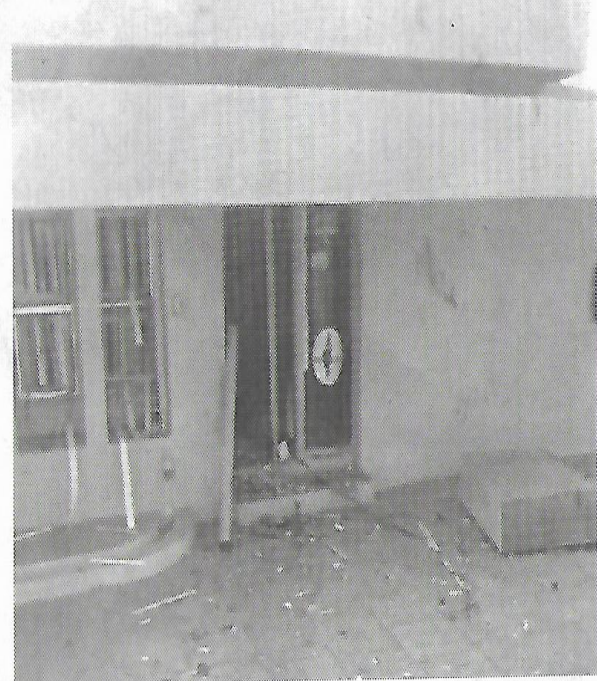


2 policemen, 2 customers killed as robbers raid two banks in Ondo



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Shattered entrance of one of the banks

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—FOUR persons, including two policemen were, yesterday, shot dead during two bloody bank robberies in ile-Oluji area of Ondo State.

Vanguard gathered that two old generation banks were simultaneously attacked around 4 pm.

No fewer than 20 bandits

invaded the two banks and blew off the entrances with the aid of dynamites.

It was gathered that two bank customers were also shot dead while 10 others were seriously injured.

Vanguard was informed that the bandits, acting on tip-off, arrived the banks at about closing time when customers were in a hurry to beat the time.

The hoodlums reportedly gunned down the two policemen in a bid to operate freely.

One of the policemen was shot on the head while the other, who they met inside the police vehicle was shot in the stomach.

The robbers reportedly shot sporadically into the air to scare away customers and passers-by.

After demobilising the policemen, the bandits moved to the banking hall where they carted away an unspecified amount of money.

Vanguard learned that report of the robbery spread to the town following which some local hunters in the town mobilised and faced the bandits in a shoot-out.

While some of the bandits reportedly fled through the bush,

others took off in the vehicle they brought for the operation.

By the time soldiers were deployed in the town, the bandits had fled.

Contacted, the police image maker, Femi Joseph, confirmed the robberies but that the casualties were "still sketchy."

Joseph said: "It is true that some bandits attacked two banks in Ile-Oluji. But our men are on their trail and we want to assure the people that we are on top of the situation.

"We have spoken with the officials of one of the banks and we are about to talk with the other bank that was attacked.

Joseph confirmed that the bandits blew off the entrances of the banks with dynamites.