

The injured have been taken to a private hospital since the doctors in attack as dastardly and unacceptable.

2 policemen, one civilian killed in Ondo bullion van attack

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THREE persons, including two policemen and one civilian, were shot dead as armed robbers attacked another bullion van in Ore in Odigbo council area of Ondo State. Two other policemen were injured in the attack.

An unspecified amount of money was reportedly carted away by the bandits, who forced the bullion van open after the attack at Costain area of the town.

It was gathered that the bandits ambushed the bullion van and, on getting to Costain they sprayed it with bullets, killing the security personnel attached to the bank and a staff of the bank.

The bullion van was said to be conveying money from Edo State to the Araromi Obu area of the state when the attack occurred.

Vanguard gathered that efforts by the driver of the bullion van to escape were thwarted as the bandits fired several gunshots to halt the vehicle.

For hours, tension gripped the commercial town following the booming of gunshots.

Both business and commercial activities were paralysed as the streets were deserted while school children scampered for safety.

Contacted, the police image maker, Funmilayo Odunlami, confirmed the death of a policeman and the driver of the bullion van.

Odunlami said the bandits, who operated in two vehicles, attacked the bullion van and went away with an unspecified amount of money.

Yesterday's incident was the third within six weeks that bullion vans have been attacked by suspected armed robbers in the state.

In all, four policemen have been killed, three injured, while three civilians were equally injured in the attack, which took place in Emure-Ile in Owo council area of the state and Ondo town within the last one month.

3 dead as police engage gunmen in Osun

Some gunmen, yesterday, also engaged police operatives in a gun battle in Osunjela, a town located few kilometres outside Osogbo, Osun State capital.

It was gathered that the gunmen numbering about five were on motorcycles moving towards Ilesa when they ran into a police checkpoint in the town around 3:40 pm.

Some residents disclosed that the criminals were attempting to rob a filling station in the town before they ran into the Prompt Response Unit.

A resident, Wale Adeyemi, said the criminals engaged the police operatives around a filling station and about three of them were shot dead.

He said: "We had to quickly run for our lives when we heard gunshots and

we watched the drama from a safe distance. The criminals were on motorcycles, but before they could carry out any attack, some police operatives arrived the scene and started exchanging gunshots.

A few minutes later, local hunters also joined the operation after which we saw some corpses. The local hunters also ran after some other gunmen, who dashed into the bush."

However, Osun police command spokesperson, Yemisi Opalola, while confirming the incident, said the circumstances surrounding the incident is yet to be made available to her at press time, but said three of the gunmen were killed.

Similarly, the spokesperson of Osun State Command of Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps, Adigun Daniel, said the gun battle occurred around 3:45 pm but the circumstances are still sketchy.

Gunmen in Police uniform rob ATM at Rivers varsity

In a related development, gunmen dressed in police uniform, yesterday, attacked an Automated Teller Machine, ATM, belonging to a second-generation Bank at the Rivers State University (RSU), Port Harcourt.

Nnamdi Omoni, Police Public Relations Officer, Rivers State Command, who confirmed the incident asked for time to give details, but sources disclosed that the incident occurred at about 3 am with the robbers operating unchallenged in a neighbourhood stone-throw to the Mile 3 Police Divisional Office.

A source said: "The gunmen dressed in Police uniform stormed the varsity gate and ordered on-duty security personnel to open for them. From there, they went straight to the bank at the RSU motor park.

"They tied up shuttle drivers they met sleeping at the park as well as the security personnel guarding the ATM. The management of the bank is yet to disclose the amount of money lost to the gunmen, who also went away with a shuttle belonging to one of the drivers they met on ground."

sions kill 2, injure 4 in Enugu



Some of the victims.

General of Aku General Assembly, AGA, Prof Godwin Mba, said relevant authorities have been contacted in ensuring that those peddling adulterated kerosene in the community are made to face the full wrath of the law.

The National Public Relations Officer of Aku Welfare Association Federated, AWAFF, Ikenna Amadi, also condemned the incident, which he described as "callous and dastardly."

The association urged every resident of the community to stop the use of kerosene till further notice.

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