

Policeman slain as armed robbers go on rampage in Osun community

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OSOGRO—A police inspector identified as Hammed, was yesterday killed as some dare-devil armed robbers attacked a first generation bank in Iragbiji, headquarters of Bonipe local government, Osun State.

It was gathered that the robbers stormed the community dressed in black suits in different vehicles, including a Toyota Picnic space bus, two 18-seater buses and wielding assault rifles.

According to residents, the armed robbers attacked the bank and Iragbiji police division located around Idi-Mangoro, as well as the Motor Traffic Division located beside the bank simultaneously to avoid being caught.

Wale Olaide, a shop owner around the palace area, said the robbers arrived at the community around 3 pm and

operated for over an hour.

"A billion van drove into the bank a few minutes past 2 pm and about an hour later, the black suit wearing guys alighted from some vehicles and the other car drove towards the local government area, where the divisional police headquarters was located. The armed men around the bank entered the banking hall smoothly. And they came out after spending about an hour with bags," he said.

Another source, Ismail Abiola, said the armed men at the police station caught the policemen unaware and prevented them from accessing the Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) stationed outside the station.

"The robbers suddenly came out of a vehicle after parking in front of the station with guns and shot sporadically into the air to scare residents away."