

Gunmen kill mother, daughter in Ondo



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Akure — Tragedy struck Ondo State following separate violent incidents that claimed multiple lives, including a mother and her daughter in an attack by suspected kidnappers.

In the first incident, gunmen attacked a poultry farm at Igushin via Ala in Akure, where they killed a woman and her daughter.

Eyewitnesses said the assailants, reportedly numbering about five, gained access to the premises by scaling the fence while the poultry owner was at work alongside her daughter, sister, and other staff.

During the attack, three persons were abducted, creating panic within the community. The bodies of the poultry owner and her daughter were later discovered within the compound.

“The attackers came through the fence. They were about five and took three people away. Later, we found the woman and her daughter dead,” an eyewitness said.

Security operatives were subsequently alerted, prompting the deployment of police detectives to the area.

The Nigeria Police Force confirmed that two of the abducted victims were rescued during a coordinated operation.

The Ondo State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abayomi Jimoh, condemned the incident, describing it as a violent attack that led to the loss of lives.

“While two victims were successfully rescued through a swift operation, the Command expresses deep sorrow over the deaths recorded,” he said.

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He added that efforts were ongoing to apprehend those responsible and assured residents that measures had been put in place to enhance security.

Jimoh also urged members of the public to remain vigilant and provide useful information to security agencies.

In a separate incident, a man identified as Ife was arrested for allegedly killing his

mother in Supare-Akoko, in Akoko South-West Local Government Area of the state.

The deceased, said to be a health worker, was reportedly attacked at her residence.

Sources in the community alleged that the suspect had earlier been seen carrying a stick and, when questioned, said he intended to use it for cooking.

According to a source, the victim had returned home briefly when the incident occurred, adding that there had been previous concerns about the suspect's behaviour.

Operatives of the state security outfit, codenamed Amotekun, were said to have arrested the suspect and evacuated the body of the deceased.

Authorities have not released further details as investigations continue into both incidents.