

Robbers kill 3 in Ibadan

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NO fewer than three people, including two night guards were shot dead by a gang of dare devil armed robbers who invaded Boluwaji area of Ibadan in the early hours of Wednesday.

The gangsters comprising of about 40 members, according to eye witness account, stormed the area at around 11 p.m. that night, raiding one house after the other as they menacingly terrorised the residents with guns, machetes and other dangerous weapons. At the end of their operation, they succeeded in ransacking over 50 houses in the locality unchallenged, and carted away various valuables notably cash and

the GSM handsets of those robbed.

It was gathered that the hoodlums, on arrival, had gained entrance to the house of a philanthropist in the area and shot him in the stomach.

He died a few minutes after.

But sources said that the robbers retreated momentarily into their hideouts, on hearing the siren of an advancing police patrol team, only to resume their operation later in the night when they were convinced that the security operatives had left the vicinity.

The police team, according to sources, rushed the shot philanthropist to the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan where he was pronounced dead.

The two night guards in the

area were similarly killed by the armed gangsters who reportedly carried their lifeless bodies from their duty posts and dumped them in a nearby bush.

Daily Champion learnt that it took the police and the combined team of landlords in the area several hours of search before they could find the dead bodies of the two night guards in the bush.

While confirming the reports, the Commissioner of Police for the Oyo State Command, Mr. Jonathan Johnson told journalists that the robbery incident might not be unconnected with the raging rivalry between two factions of OPC in the area who were out to dislodge one another.