

# Robbers kill 5 in Ogun

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**A**RMED robbers yesterday unleashed terror on Agbado-Ope-Ilu communities of Ifo local government of Ogun state, killing five people including a middle-aged woman who was shot in the ear.

*Daily Champion* gathered that the robbers combed the communities in the early hours of the day in three different operations in which they killed two night guards in the process.

It was further gathered that the armed robbers first struck at about 2: am along Agbado-Ope-Ilu road where they killed the night guard attached to the GLO installation in the area, Mr. Taoseed popularly called Wonje at Rafco bus stop. They shot him on the right side from where all the blood in him gushed out and at the point of death shouted "Allah Akbar (God is the greatest).

Residents who spoke to *Daily Champion* disclosed that though Wonje was not their target, but because he was a famous local Disco Joker [DJ] in the locality, he might have been killed for recognising the assailants."

Seye Olowokere, a commercial bus operator in the area said, "I am sure they killed Wonje because he might have greeted them or even challenged them. It is obvious that he (Wonje) would mention names in the morning, so they had no choice than to edge

him out."

The armed robbers, according to investigation by our reporter, moved up to Rafiu Lawan Street in Orire Estate, Ope-Ilu where they killed another night guard simply identified as Baba Ijebu and wife of the Vice Chairman, National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Agbado branch, Mrs. Risikat Yekini.

*Daily Champion* reliably gathered that the assailants on getting to Orire estate, accosted Baba Ijebu whom they ordered to open the gate. According to the Baale (village head) of Ope-Ilu, Chief Moses Ojedian, "they demanded the key to the gate, but he refused them and they shot him," adding "After this, they went straight to Morufu's house and killed his wife."

An eyewitness, Abiodun Arogundade disclosed that the robbers gained entry into the compound through the deceased's window and collected substantial amount of money before shooting her in the ear.

Another source, Daniel Morounfolu stated that the woman must have recognized one of her assailants and probably pleaded with the robbers to spare her life. "Otherwise, why would anyone ever wish to kill a woman in such a situation, knowing fully well that any woman would ever be ready to part with whatever is demanded of her," he queried.