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5 killed as kidnappers raid Ogun

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Five persons have been feared killed and several others injured as suspected pipeline vandals who turned kidnappers invaded Banku Estate at Ibafo area of Ogun State.

The suspects who stormed the community around 9pm on Wednesday in three commercial buses, were said to have attempted to kidnap an Ogun State-based businessman.

A witness said though the intended victim was not in the house when the hoodlums arrived, they opened fire to express their frustration, killing the five in the process.

"The hoodlums arrived around 8.30pm on Wednesday. They headed for the home of a prominent businessman in the area. As at the time they arrived the place, the target was not home. Out of anger, the hoodlums started firing sporadic shots. Two of the occupants of the house died during the shootout while three others sustained bullet wounds," the witness said.

It was gathered that some of the hoodlums who were believed to be pipeline vandals in the area had now taken to kidnapping following increased presence of soldiers and officials of other security agencies currently combing the creeks at Arepo.

Defence Spokesperson, Connell Rabe Abubaka, while reacting to the activities of the hoodlums, called for support from members of the public.