

# Gunmen kill 3 in Ogun

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① **G**unmen suspected to be masterminds of the Igangan killing in Oyo State have reportedly relocated to a village in Ogun State, killing three people.

② The hoodlums said to be killer-herders had on Sunday morning attacked Igangan community and killed about 11 residents of the town.

Less than 24 hours after the Igangan attack, the gunmen unleashed terror on Amule Kanji village, via Imeko, Imeko/Afon Local Government Area of Ogun State.

Daily Trust gathered that killers were said to have relocated from Igangan, a few kilometers away from Amule Kanji village and carried out the attack, murdering three people.

The victims were reportedly killed in a gun battle with the marauding killer herdsman when they (hunters) were trying to prevent them from attacking the village.

The victims were identified as Femi Bara, John Taiwo and Tunde Taiwo.

Our correspondent further gathered that, the victims who were on a motorcycle, coming from Ologede village ran into the killer-herdsman, "who killed them and took away their motorbike."

A community leader, Ganiu Akinleye said the gunmen struck around 11 pm on Sunday.

Akinleye, the Balogun of Imeko Isale, who confirmed the incident, said the police had gone to the village to evacuate the corpses.

He said: "You know there was a crisis in Igangan yesterday, those herdsman who escaped to Imeko through our forest reserves killed three men on Sunday

night.

"The victims were riding on a motorcycle, coming from Ologede around 11 o'clock last (Sunday) night. They ran into these fleeing herdsman, who killed them. They even took the victim's new motorcycle away, leaving their old one behind.

"We saw empty AK-47 cartridges at the scene on the incident. A formal report has been made at the police station in Imeko and the police have gone there to take the corpses.

"This is getting too much. We can no longer sleep in our houses. The herdsman are everywhere. Government should come to our rescue. The Amotekun operatives in Imeko are too few. We need help."

The Balogun also said the Igangan killers had relocated to a village called Sagada in Imeko/Afon.

He said: "Those herdsman who escaped after killing people in Igangan are now in Ogun State. They camp in a village called Sagada, under Oke Agbede in Ward 2.

"There is a river, (Oyan) in-between that Sagada and Igangan. They are there as we speak. We have informed appropriate authorities, but no positive steps taken so far," the community leader said.

The Spokesman of Police State Command, Abimbola Oyeyemi confirmed the incident, but said it was a case of armed robbery attack.

Oyeyemi explained that the victims' motorcycle was carted away by their attackers.

He, however, stated further that the newly constituted Joint State Security outfit has been mandated to go after the suspects, and bring them to the book.