

# Three dies as robbers strike in Ibadan

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**N**O fewer than three persons lost their lives yesterday in Boluwaji area of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, when armed robbers stormed the area.

The robbers, numbering over 40 had invaded the area shooting sporadically into the air in an operation that kept residents awake all night. It was learnt that they arrived at 10:00 p.m. armed and started operating from house to house.

The robbers, on arrival headed straight for the residence of one of the prominent landlords in the area and gained entry to the man's room through an opening below the air-condition cubicle.

The robbers shot at him several times before robbing him of his personal belongings.

Although, some residents alerted policemen, the robbers had left before their arrival and were only able to assist the injured to the hospital.

The hospital management were said to have demanded for money before they could treat the injured and before this could be done, the landlord gave up the ghost because of the severe injury he had received from the robbers.

Other houses were also attacked by the robbers who did not spare the guards on duty in the area, as the two security men on at the time of the robbery attack were later discovered dead in a nearby bush.