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GUNMEN suspected to be armed robbers on Sunday evening killed four along the Ilishan-Ago-Iwoye Road in Ogun State.

The gunmen were said to have ambushed their victims who were returning to their station at Ilishan after closing from a checkpoint on the road. The driver of the vehicle, however, escaped. The sad incident occurred at Ago village, few kilometres to the Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU), Ago-Iwoye.

According to a police source, who spoke to The Guardian on condition of anonymity, the gunmen did not operate either before or after the attack thus giving the impression that their main targets were the victims' rifles.

The source described the incident as a very sad occurrence and prayed that such should never happen again in the command.

He said: "This is very sad, very, very sad. These people had already closed for the day and were returning to their station when the robbers opened fire on their car. Funny enough, the hoodlums did not operate anywhere around the area. I believe what they wanted were the guns of the policemen they killed."

The police command spokesman, Mr. Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the killings and urged members of the public to assist the police with useful information that would lead to the arrest of the robbers.

His words: "These people are not spirits; they are human beings. It is one of the hazards of the profession. The robbers know the policemen because the police will always be in uniform but hardly will you recognise the hoodlums. That is why we need both the physical and spiritual support of members of the public."

Adejobi, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, revealed that the Police Commissioner, Mr. Musa Daura, yesterday morning held a closed-door meeting with officers and men of the command to strategise on how to raise the level of security in the state.



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