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Residents seek better security as robbers kill one in Meiran

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RESIDENTS of Meiran community, a Lagos suburb, have called on police authorities in the state to beef up security in the area as armed robbers have turned the community into a battlefield of sorts.

The call is coming on the heels of a bloody robbery attack on Saturday night which led to the killing of a middle-aged man who hailed from Ekiti State.

Speaking on the robbery incident, an eyewitness, who simply identified himself as Kazeem told The Guardian that on Saturday, August 10, at 2.20 am, about 20 armed robbers invaded Usman Adebayo Street, breaking into houses and dispossessing residents of their valuables.



He added that the robbers operated for almost two hours unhindered as the police in the Meiran Station did not respond to the several distress calls made across to them as the bandits operated.

He added that the police's response was that the patrol vehicle was faulty and could not be used to counter the robbery operations, but said "we were surprised that that so-called faulty vehicle was the one used to convey the corpse of the victim later in the day.

Another resident, Mr Adebola Oke, said that the victim was killed when he ran out to seek reinforcement from O'odua Peoples Congress (OPC) members in the neighbourhood. He was shot on the neck by one of the robbers who hid at a corner in the besieged street.

He added: "For about three months now, robbers have literally taken over Meiran, terrorizing innocent residents on daily basis. We appeal to the State Police Command to come to our aid by beefing up security in the area.

The police here seem to be overwhelmed as they look incapable of effective policing. All we see are policemen mounting road blocks at Meiran -Ile-Iwe-Ajasa junction harassing motorists".

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