

# One killed, many injured as gunmen invade Kwara communities

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## • Robbers slay lecturer in Benin

Gunmen yesterday invaded some communities in Kwara State, killing one member of a vigilance group and injuring many others.

Three others have been declared missing in the attack, which was carried out in some villages in Kaiama Local Council Area.

The chairman of the council, Abdullahi Abubakar, disclosed that the gunmen camped at the National Park, from where they launched the attacks.

He said the park covers about 50 kilometres of land between Kaiama and Borgu local council areas.

Abubakar explained that the hoodlums often attack the communities, carting away their foodstuff, cows and goats before returning to their base.

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According to him, it was their numerous attacks that made the communities to set up the local vigilance group.

“Unfortunately, when members of the group approached them in their camp, they exchanged fire, which felled one of the vigilance men, while three others are still missing.

“We don’t know the whereabouts of the three persons at the moment and nobody could go into the bush to search for their bodies,” he said.

The council boss stated that the gunmen were fond of blocking the roads at night to dispossess people of their belongings.

He gave the villages the gunmen attacked as attacked as Tunga Maje, Nukku and Woro.

He disclosed that the state government had taken charge by deploying about 50 soldiers from the 222 battalions to comb the bushes.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state Police Command, Ajayi Okasanmi, also confirmed the report.

He said the command had deployed some mobile policemen in the area, while the Commissioner of Police had also ordered an investigation into the issue.

Meanwhile, armed robbers yesterday killed a senior lecturer at the University of Benin, Dr. Godwin Omofonwa.

He was murdered around his residence in Evbuomere Quarters, in Ugbowo, while on his way to office.

Policemen, who engaged the fleeing robbers reportedly, killed one of them, while the others escaped.

Kokumo said the killed armed robbery suspect was part of the gang that has been terrorising residents of Ugbowo and its environs in the past two months.