

# Osun town yet to recover after killing of police officers, invasion of banks by gunmen

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**F**EAR has enveloped Iragbiji community, the hometown of Governor Gboyega Oyetola of Osun State, as commercial activities were yet to fully pick up, following attacks by armed robbers on a branch of Wema Bank and police station in the community on Tuesday.

The attack and bank robbery in Iragbiji, headquarters of Boripe Local Government Area of the state, led to the death of two inspectors namely, Ogunbiyi Ahmed and Odeyemi Ayinla.

Some of the traders around the bank, which was close to

## Residents urge improved security

the palace of the Aragbiji of Iragbiji, were yet to resume.

Other residents of the state sought more security beef-up in the community.

One of the community leaders, who spoke with *The Guardian*, Jimoh Kadri described the attack and killing as unfortunate.

"What happened yesterday (Tuesday) was very terrible.

Our people are yet to recover from the fear. People are yet to walk freely because they are still afraid. The Police are saying the robbers fled into bushes and that makes it more worrisome for us. We pray that the robbers will be

caught. We want our Governor to fortify security around iragbiji and its environs. We don't want to experience this kind of thing again," he said.

Confirming the officers' death, Osun State Police Command in a statement yesterday, said the incident happened barely a month after gunmen killed one constabulary policeman in Iree, a community that hosts Osun State Polytechnic and a neighbouring community to Iragbiji, which are in the same Ifelodun/Boripe/Odo-Otin Federal Constituency, during a bank invasion.