

Robbers Lay Siege To Ado-Ekiti

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The spate of armed robbery and assassination in Ado-Ekiti in recent time has become a sort of trauma to its residents. The residents are also afraid for their lives as the robbers not only rob their victims but they also maim and kill innocent citizens of the town.

The latest of this violent crime was the killing of Mr. David Morakinyo, Senior Film Production Officer, Ekiti State Ministry of Information, Culture and Social Developments who was reported to have been shot dead by unknown gunmen at his residence Oke-Age Street, Ado-Ekiti recently.

Eyewitness accounts revealed that the unknown gunmen who were dressed in police uniform, numbering

about eight stormed the area at about 12.30a.m and raided several houses, in an operation that reportedly lasted for several hours.

It was revealed that the uncompromising stance of the deceased towards the armed bandits had infuriated them, making them rained several shots of bullets on him. "What we learnt was that the deceased person argued with the robbers and they shot him dead in annoyance, though one cannot really confirmed this," a resident of the area told our correspondent in Ado-Ekiti.

It was confirmed that the residents were held hostage for several hours, which they

said prevented them from taking the deceased to the hospital for medical help. "There was no way we could have taken the victim to the hospital because the robbers held the whole hostage with nobody being able to go out," a resident of the area told our correspondent.

Also shot dead was an 80-year old cocoa farmer, Pa Pius Adeosun whom it was said to be the prime target of the robbery operation.

Property like handsets, cash and some valuable materials worth millions of naira were carted away and injuries of various degrees were inflicted on the victims.

The incident had been

reported at the Police Station and the Police have swung into action to investigate and unravel those behind this heinous crime. "The spate of armed robbery cases is becoming too alarming in the state capital. We are hell bent on unraveling those behind the violent crimes in Ado-Ekiti in particular and the state in general. This has not been happening here before so we want to unravel those behind this with a view to bringing them to book to serve as deterrent to others," a source from the Police Headquarters in Ado-Ekiti told our correspondent.

Meanwhile, the corpses of David Morakinyo Ogunlusi and Pa Pius Adeosun have been deposited at the morgue of the State Specialist Hospital, Ado-Ekiti.