

# Bandits kill two in Ekiti communities

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**ARMED** bandits suspected to be nomadic herdsmen have killed two persons in two Ekiti communities.

The victims, a pregnant woman and a commercial cyclist, were killed at separate attacks, which were carried out at bad portions of Ado-Ekiti-Ijan-Ekiti roads.

The identities of the victims have not been ascertained at press time.

Reacting, the Ekiti State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mohammed Jimoh, said the command was aware of the robbers' menace, but said the State Commissioner of Police, Olayinka Balogun, had mobilised his men to the dreaded spot.

"We are aware of the situation and we have commenced 24 hours patrol of that road. We are quite aware that they are using the deplorable state of that road to commit the crime.

"I want to assure the people of the state that we are on top of the situation and we will stop at nothing to ensure that the perpetrators are apprehended and brought to justice.", Jimoh said

A source told newsmen in a telephone conversation, that the pregnant woman was being conveyed by a motorbike from Ilupeju, a subsidiary community of Ijan Ekiti to the state capital, where she was said to have suddenly ran into the robbery gang.

The source said the robbers were already dispossessing some victims of their personal effects and as the motorcyclist was trying to make a u-turn and return to Ijan Ekiti, one of the robbers shot at the woman at the back and she died immediately.