

on board a chemical vessel named MT Adour which

Bata Debiro, a Major-General, while presenting Elan to

in Togo aboard an oil tanker and brought to Bayelsa State

master engineer onboard was injured.

Suspected robbers kill seven on Iseyin/Maya Road

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FOLLOWING the murder of seven indigenes of Iseyin town, an agrarian community in Iseyin Local Government area of Oyo State by suspected armed robbers along Iseyin/Maya Road last Saturday, the entire community has been thrown into mourning.

It was gathered that the victims were going back to

Lagos after attending functions in Iseyin when they reportedly ran into a gang of armed robbers operating at a point very close to Maya junction, another community in the council.

Perhaps, the suspected robbers could not have been that brutal if not for the driver of the Space bus the victims were traveling in, who reportedly hit one of the robbers in an attempt to escape but got stuck in the

gutter following which the infuriated robbers immediately opened fire on all of them.

It was learnt that the victims were prominent in the town and had contributed to the development of the town with one of them serving as a member of the board of a community bank in the town.

The apex socio cultural organisation in the town known as Iseyin Elders'

Council has sent a "Save Our Souls" petition to security agencies in the state over security challenges on all roads leading to the community and the entire Oke-Ogun area of the state.

Confirming the step taken by the organisation, Bolaji Kareem, secretary of the council, who also issued a statement on the incident, pleaded for increase in the number of security operatives manning the roads.

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