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## Two cyclists killed while fleeing robbery scene in Edo

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**Attempt** to escape from a robbery scene along the Igarra-Ibillo – Akure road, a border area between Ondo and Edo states, has resulted in the death of two commercial motorcyclists, while the two passengers with them were seriously injured as a result of a head on collision.

Reports had it that the incident happened between Ogugu and Aiyegunle communities along the stretch of the road as the robbers were reported to be operating within the area.

One of the dead cyclists identified as Ojo Aiyele, was said to be from Ugboshi-ele community, and the other whose

identity was yet to be known was said to be from Ekpesa community.

They reportedly collided while trying to flee in opposite direction near the scene of the robbery and died instantly, while the two injured victims were reportedly rushed to a nearby hospital by members of joint police and military patrol team that have responded promptly to distress calls by eye witnesses.

A witness who pleaded anonymity commended the security agents for their prompt intervention, adding that the robbers ran into the bush on sighting the Army and the police patrol vehicle.

As at press time, the Police Public Relations Officer for Edo Police Command, Moses Eguavoen (DSP) could not be reached, but a senior police officer at the command who confirmed the incident said they were yet to be briefed.

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