

Three Guards Killed By Suspected Cultists In Ondo

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AKURE – Three security guards were at the weekend killed by people suspected to be cultists in Obale, Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The victims simply identified as Sunday, Paul and Baba Eze, were reportedly hacked to death while on duty at different locations within the town between Friday and Saturday morning.

The killings, which occurred within 24 hours, were said to have generated a lot of tension in the community.

A source told DAILY INDEPENDENT that Sunday and Paul were found dead Friday night at a beer depot which they were guarding while Eze was killed on Saturday at a filling station, his duty post.

The source said some armed men invaded the beer depot, killed the two security men guarding the place, and left without taking any item along with them.

He said the corpses of the deceased were discovered by some policemen on night patrol in the area.

Two gunmen, according to him, also invaded the filling station located along Akure Airport Road in the middle of the night on Friday but the two guards at the station escaped unhurt.

“The armed men numbering four mobilised themselves to the filling station the following day. They killed one of the guards, Baba Eze.

“The other security guard ran away after sighting the hoodlums and reported the incident at the police station.

“But Eze, who was 60 years old, was unlucky. The hoodlums had hacked him to death before policemen arrived at the scene.

“The four armed men also left the scene of the incident without taking or removing anything from the filling station,” he said.

Femi Joseph, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, confirmed the killings.

"Policemen on night patrol usually check on the security guards for security alert during their night patrol.

"But when there was no response from the guards, they went into the depot only to discover the dead bodies of the security guards.

"Another security guard, Baba Eze, was killed by some armed men on Saturday night at a filling station along the Airport road.

"No arrest has been made but the state police command has commenced investigation into the killings.

"We will not relent in our efforts to provide safety to people of Ondo State. We have commenced investigation into the matter and we are on the trail of the assailants.

"We have put some measures in place to apprehend the culprits and bring them to justice."

He appealed to the public to provide useful information that will help the police to arrest the criminals.

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