

# Residents Flee Abodes As Hoodlums Kill Two In Reprisal Attack

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Some residents of Coca Cola, Leventist, Ajibade, Ajegunle, Oke-Itunu and neighbouring communities within Ibadan North Local government area have deserted their homes and shops to escape further reprisal attack by suspected hoodlums.

It was gathered on Friday that trouble started in Coca Cola area when a suspected thief was arrested by the residents of the area on Thursday and set ablaze on Thursday.

It was further gathered that the killing of the suspect made some of his colleagues storm the area shooting and destroying property in the area.

An eyewitness, who is a resident of the area disclosed that the hoodlums later storm the area around 4pm that yesterday and shot two people.

He stressed that they came back early morning on Friday on same mission, however, majority of the shop owners hurriedly shut down, while most of the houses in the area were deserted.

Another shop owner at Ajibade said the hoodlums numbering about three on many commercial motorcycle stormed the area around 4 pm and shot two people.

The shop owner, who spoke in anonymity, identified those killed

as one man with unknown identity and a woman identified as Toyin.

He said that the man died as a result of the gunshot on Thursday while the woman, Toyin died Friday morning.

He stressed that the fear of being attacked made some of the residents to flee the area.

According to him, "It was terrible yesterday. They shot two people. One man and a woman. The man died yesterday, but the woman, Toyin, died today (Friday)."

Public Relations Officer of the state Police command, Mr. Olugbenga Fadeyi, when contacted confirmed the incident on Friday.

Fadeyi, who said the police has stationed its men in the area to forestall future occurrences, however said that Police confirmed the death of one person.

"The information I had is that they set ablaze a man suspected to be a thief Thursday morning.

"So, later three men suspected to be cultists went on a repentance attack and shot at the man, one Ojo Jacob, about 58 years old, they shot him and ran away.

"Because of this incident, the Police went there to station some policemen and patrol vehicles in the area to forestall further attacks. The police are presently monitoring the situation to forestall further attacks. The police are also trailing them for possible arrest."