

Field Where Robbers, Cultists Kill, Rob Residents In Broad Daylight

OLORUNDARE ENIMOLA

LAGOS

A community ground along Oba Disu Faronbi Street, Shasha, Lagos State, has become a den of criminals, as suspected robbers, cultists and other criminal elements have turned the ground to their abode, unleashing terror on motorists, traders and passersby.

One of their victims, Mr. Tokunbo Coker, a health insurance agent, narrated how he was attacked by the robbers in the area.

He said, "It was few min-

utes to 9 p.m. when I was driving my friend's car, which developed a fault and stopped. Then a group of boys between the age of 23 and 25 years old approached me to help me push the car to the side of the road along Orisumbare.

"One of them pretended to assist me to get a mechanic, who asked for my phone to call the mechanic, but after collecting it, he started walking away very fast. I called out to him but he kept moving until he got to a block industry. I followed him there but to my shock, I met more than 20 young boys there and they descended on me with bottles, blows and sticks, robbing me of my iPhone 6, Techno phone

and N20,000."

A day after the attack on Coker, residents said an unidentified man was killed in broad daylight in the area prompting the traders to scamper for safety as they locked their shops.

Following the increasing security threat, Daily Independent visited the community ground and saw young boys all wearing black T-shirts on jeans loitering on the ground in a suspicious manner.

A trader in the area who simply identified herself as Dupe said, "These boys are always on the ground, day and night. They are there selling hard drugs and looking for easy targets to dislodge and

steal from. Lagos State government should take over the land or get the owner to build on it as the threat from that ground is of great concern to us."

Following the security threat, the community wrote a petition to the Assistant Inspector General of Police in Charge of Zone 2, Onikan, AIG Ahmed Illiyasu.

The Save Our Soul SOS petition which was copied to the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, CP Hakeem Odumosu, called on the police authorities to ensure the safety of lives and property in the community.

The petition was signed by Alhaji Adeshola Adetola of Orisumbare Estate.