

## News

# Igangan: Amotekun Commander, Three Others Killed As Gunmen Battle Vigilantes

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Gunmen suspected to be herdsmen attacked Igangan, Ibarapa North Local Government Area of Oyo State killing four residents on Friday night.

Security operatives, majorly local vigilantes and Amotekun, were said to have repelled the attack, leading to the death of one commander of Amotekun

Corps in Ibarapa Central simply identified as Muri.

According to reports, the attackers stormed the town in two Hilux vans, an 18-seater Hummer bus, and a Toyota Sienna bus, wearing military and Customs camouflage.

It could not be confirmed at press time if the attackers were real security operatives, as sources who claimed anonymity, said initially they thought the men were Customs operatives in search of sus-

pected smugglers.

It was gathered that the suspected gunmen arrived in the community around 7pm on Friday and attacked some areas.

A resident said the attackers stormed the community in large number but could not give actual figure.

The convener, Igangan Development Advocate, Oladiran Oladokun, confirmed the attack, saying the incident was an attempt to invade the state

through the axis, a border community, which was resisted by the local security operatives.

Oladokun said although the suspected herders came in customs and military camouflage to deceive the people and change the narrative, it was security operatives who stormed the town in search of those who engage in smuggling activities, a practice that was alien to the people of the community.