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Residents of Otovwodo Community in Warri, Delta State, have fled their houses, following incessant attacks by robbers and suspected ritualists on unsuspecting residents of the community, many of whom have been maimed and dispossessed of both belongings and body parts in the process.

Only on Wednesday, LEADERSHIP Friday learnt that, so far, three persons have died from the attacks.

But the police spokesperson in the state, ASP Lucky Uyabeme, revealed that the master-mind of the crime was a disabled,

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whom he confirmed to have been “arrested”. He also promised that all others involved in the criminal act “will be brought to book”.

Uyabeme said the suspect, identified as Robert (surname withheld), upon interrogation, confessed to being one of the leaders of the gang, revealing that the gang only carried out the attacks in order to make life unbearable for the residents.

Most residents of Otovwodo who fled to a neighbouring community, revealed that they did so after tension had worsened, following the murder of a vigilante group leader, one Omonigho Okadage, in the area by the gunmen.

While calling on the state government and law enforcement agents to come to their aid, the residents decried the situation as a “bad omen that may further spell doom if left unchecked”.

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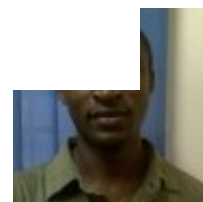
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