

Robbers kill two night guards, injure 20

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TWO night guards have been killed by armed robbers in Ibadan, Oyo State.

About 20 residents of Felele area of the state capital were injured in the attack.

Describing the incident as 'a bloody night,' some residents told *The Nation* that the bandits woke them up around 1am, at Akorede with gunshots, machettes and dangerous weapons.

The hoodlums stole

handsets and other valuable. They left at 3am.

The guards were hired by the residents. One of them was shot and killed at close range.

His partner was tied and slaughtered.

The whole area was thrown into panic by their sporadic shootings as residents cried for help in the dead of the night but no help came.

Although the Felele po-

lice station was nearby, some of the residents who spoke with our reporter said they were unable to do much due to the sophisticated firearm power of the robbers until the state Quick Response Squad came to the scene.

Mrs Adetuberu, a neighbour, said: "I was forced on my feet by the deafening gunshots. We phoned the police, likewise other residents, they complained of lack of vehicles and short of officers. It was a case of

medicine after death when after the damage has been done before we saw Quick Response men. It was a terrible scene and a nightmare."

The Police Commissioner, Mr. Jonathan Johnson, after denying the report that his former house was not far from the scene of the operation, confirmed the incident, saying "not mind such report, my former house was far from where the operation took place.

"It was true there was a robbery incident where two guards were killed, but I don't know why they are connecting my former residence with it. My place was far from the scene of the robbery," Johnson stated.

The police boss said no one has so far been arrested but assured that his men are on the trail of the deadly gang, saying that soon they would be fished out from there hiding place.