

Robbers kill three in village on Lagos-Ibadan road

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IT was a night of horror on Wednesday for the residents of Boluwaji/ Sanyo Area along the Lagos/ Ibadan Expressway as robbers laid siege to their community, dispossessed them and killed three persons: a landlord and two nightguards.

The robbers numbering about 40 and were heavily armed, arrived in the area at about 10 p.m, shooting sporadically into the air to scare the residents.

The bandits who went to the place in four buses and one lorry headed for the residence of a prominent landlord, broke the wall of his house, and gained entry to the man's room through an opening below the air-conditioner cubicle.

They were said to have shot the man in the belly and left him in the pool of his blood.

When they noticed that the police had been alerted by residents, they fled. The police on arrival took the landlord to a hospital where a sum of money was said to be demanded before any treatment could be given to the victim. The policemen had to go to the residence of the landlord to inform his family about the hospital demand. But before help could come his way, the man died.

The robbers were said to have gone into hiding till they confirmed that the policemen had left when they later returned.

They raided many other houses and to have a smooth sail, the robbers killed two night guards. Their bodies were later discovered in a nearby bush, the residents revealed.

Lamenting their losses, some residents said they lost valuables including money, handsets and various personal belongings.

The bandits left the area finally at about 4 a.m.

Mr. Jonathan Johnson, the state Police Commissioner confirmed the incident, saying that his men raced to the area immediately they were informed.

No arrests have been made however.