

One killed as thugs invade Oyo village

THE peaceful atmosphere of Olori village, in the Oyo-East Local Government Area of Oyo State was disrupted when thugs invaded the area and killed one person.

Fifteen elders were abducted. Properties worth millions of naira were also destroyed.

Olori village shares boundary with Ife-Odan Community, which is in Ejigbo Local Government Area of Osun State.

The thugs, numbering about 100, stormed the village around 11 a.m and proceeded to the residence of the village head, Teslim Adekunle II, who was said to be

From Bode Durojaiye, Oyo

away.

Angered by the absence of the village head, the hoodlums terrorised the village.

Most of the villagers were said to have gone to their farms when the miscreants arrived the village.

But one of them, who was preparing for the farm, Mr Jimoh Adejare, was beaten up and murdered in cold blood.

Several houses in the village were vandalised by the hoodlums.

They were also said to have abducted 15 of the elders in the farm, for their refusal to disclose the whereabouts of the village head.

The slain villager was a security

guard attached to the Maternity Centre by the local government.

The deceased, whose wife was said to have just given birth to a baby boy, was also said to have returned to his residence that fateful day after work. He was preparing to go to the farm before the hoodlums forcefully gained entry to his apartment and assassinated him.

Two of the villagers, Messers Bimbo Oduola and Ibrahim Sanni narrated how the hoodlums raped three of the girls near the farm and how an unspecified sum money was carted away in some of the buildings vandalised.

Also speaking, Head of the vil-

lage, Chief Adekunle II, attributed the attack to a request by Ife-Odan and Owu communities in Osun State, which mandated the village Head to renounce the origin of the village from Oyo to Osun State.

"That was the crux of the matter. The two communities keep worrying me and I told them that it is an impossible mission, because as the Head of the village, I am also a representative of the Alaafin in the village. So, since then, I have been receiving series of death threat calls from the two communities".

Chief Adekunle II, however urged security agencies to wade into the matter, by ensuring adequate security for the villagers.