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It was a black Sunday yesterday for the Ekiti State Police Command as suspected robbers killed three of its men.

The operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) were shot by the hoodlums at about 7:30p.m. while on a routine operation around the popular Fajuyi Park in Ado-Ekiti.

Among the victims was the Officer-in-Charge (OC) of SARS, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP). Others were a corporal and a constable.

They were said to have died of gun shot wounds they got in the attack.

The policemen were confirmed dead at the University Teaching Hospital (UTH), Ado-Ekiti.

They were said to be coming from the police headquarters on Iyin Road when they sighted a black Toyota Camry car being driven by the robbers on the other side of the road, a development which aroused their suspicion.

An eyewitness said the SARS men closed in on the Toyota Camry car to ascertain the identity of the occupants. The hoodlums opened fire on the policemen and sped off.

Bystanders, including some travellers, who were just arriving in Ado-Ekiti, who heard the gunshots, fled in various directions.

There was no official statement from the command over the incident but a source said the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the command, Mr. Fabian Ojiri, may brief the press on the incident today.

Efforts to speak with the Police spokesman Awe Oladipupo were futile.

Family members, friends and relations of the slain officers stormed the hospital on receiving the news of the incident.

Residents rushed indoors as rumours went round that robbers had seized the town.

The remains of the victims have since been deposited at the morgue of the University Teaching Hospital, Ado-Ekiti.

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