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A Six-man armed gang on Sunday night killed five people and injured several others at Apata-Gbekuba, Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

It was gathered that three of those killed were hit by stray bullets fired indiscriminately as the robbers attempted to escape.

They were reportedly chased by members of the Oodua People's Congress (OPC).

There was stampede in Odo-Ona, Omi-Adio, Bembo, and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) when the residents were informed that the robbers were on the loose.

Motorists made u-turn at Odo-Ona–Apata expressway, leaving the road desolate.

The busy Apata market was deserted as traders hurriedly closed their shops when they heard sounds of gun shots.

Four people were said to have died immediately and several others were injured.

The robbers reportedly attacked some selected homes in the area. They also attacked a filing station near the railway line.

But OPC members, who were employed as security guards by the owner of the filling station, resisted the attack.

The robbers, who came in a Toyota Camry car at about 6.40pm, also seized the people they met at the filling station. As they headed to the manager's office, OPC members shot at one of them.

The killing of one of their members made the others to abandon the Toyota car and take to their heels.

The OPC men pursued the hoodlums and killed another member of the gang.

The robbers shot indiscriminately at everyone in sight, including motorcyclists and those in front of their homes.

At Apata Police station, Ibadan, a senior Police officer, who preferred not to be named, confirmed the incident but assured that the situation was under control.

Bodies of the dead, including those of the armed robbers and their victims, have been deposited in the morgue at Adeoyo State Hospital, Ring Road, Ibadan, a police source said.



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The police were relaxing in their stations when the OPC were doing their jobs for them! Or were they at the check points collecting tolls? A word of caution though, by the time this OPC turns its guns on the masses, let no one say nothing had been learnt from the case of Bakassi Boys turned kidnappers o!



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