

in the hinterland would not be remembered forever."

Robbers raid Imo community, kill victim

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THE relative peace recently enjoyed by the people of Otulu, a suburb of Oru West Local Government Area of Imo State, was shattered recently after a gang of blood-thirsty robbers invaded the sleepy community, robbed the people and killed one of their victims.

The incident, it was learnt, prompted men of the Nigerian Police Force to storm the community the following day but no arrest had been made as at the time of filing this report.

"The fresh incident has put palpable fears in everybody and making it impossible for us to sleep with our two eyes closed," a source said, adding: "The

robbery was carried out by people who have close relationship with the community. A little boy saw and identified some of the robbers but the identified hoodlums fled their homes before the police got there.

"We had, had some relief in recent times from such robbery attacks but we were shocked when this one happened. Our fears that disappeared before have returned and worse than what it used to be in the past because of the deplorable state of security in the state."

Another source said: "The recent incident has returned the community to the era of sleeplessness. We really want the government to tackle the problem of insecurity in this area because criminals - robbers and kidnappers - have obviously noticed the security lapses here and using opportunity to terrorise us. It is not that we have been folding our arms all this while."

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