

Fear in Ogun as man hacks six to death

... We know of one in hospital still alive, say Police

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A pall of anxiety and apprehension took hold of the residents and indigenes of Ogere, Ilisan, Iperu – Remo and the surrounding communities in Ikenne Local Government Area of Ogun State on Saturday following the hacking to death of six people in separate attacks in Ogere between Wednesday and Saturday by yet – to -be identified person suspected to be a drug addict.

The mystery suspect, who stalk his victims with cutlass and hacks them down in surprise attacks, allegedly killed two private guards working at an animal care firm in Ogere Remo and one elderly Togolese on Thursday, killing another boy in Ogere again on Friday night.

He allegedly attacked three others, said to be passers – by, with cutlass yesterday, hacking them to death at Iperu – Remo, the home town of Governor Dapo Abiodun of Ogun State, and thus,

forcing residents of the two communities and the Police to launch a manhunt for him. As at press time, he remained elusive.

The Nation gathered that the indigenes and residents of Ogere, Iperu – Remo and Ilisan have been calling their loved ones within the local government since then, warning them to stay indoors and to be more vigilant over a rampaging killer wielding machete and knife, looking for his next victim.

A resident of Ogere, who does not want his name in prints, said people were suspecting a cultist and drug addict who once lived in the community to be responsible for the cruel killings of innocent residents and indigenes of the two communities.

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The resident revealed further that the mystery suspect started showing signs of one having drugs and psychiatric issues after joining a cult group while in a higher institution in the state, claiming that the said suspect was at a time, a patient at the Federal Neuro – Psychiatric Hospital, Aro, Abeokuta, but fled the facility and returned to Ogere community to become a hell for the indigenes and residents.

The Ogun State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, when contacted, said he was aware of someone attacked with cutlass and that the victim had been taken to the Teaching Hospital of the Babcock University, Ilisan, but stressed that he had no knowledge yet if anybody was hacked to death.