



# Police confirm killing of two, abduction of three in Lagos

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GUNMEN at the weekend invaded the Ayobo Housing Scheme Extension, Oshin area of Ayobo-Ipaja, a Lagos suburb. They killed two and the abducted three persons in the estate.

The invasion threw residents of the estate into confusion between Friday and yesterday, it was learnt.

Spokesman of the Lagos State Police Command, Benjamin Hundeyin, a Superintendent of Police (SP), who confirmed the incidents, said investigation was ongoing.

He said a suspect had been arrested and that the Commissioner of Police (CP) has deployed tactical teams to the area to flush out other accomplices.

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According to Hundeyin, the criminals came in from outside Lagos and operated with a speedboat, assuring that the command would not rest until all those involved were arrested and prosecuted.

The Financial Secretary of the Landlords' Association in the area, Mr. James Ojuade, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Sunday that the gunmen, who allegedly killed two men and kidnapped two sisters on Friday, allegedly kidnapped another man yesterday.

He said that the gunmen came through the boundary between Lagos State and Ogun and escaped with their victims inside a boat.

Ojuade said: "About 6pm on Friday, four men, who were armed with guns, broke into the residence of one Mr. Rashidi Salami, beat his wife mercilessly and took away his two married daughters who came to visit them.

"Two neighbours, who intercepted and wanted to prevent them from escaping with the women, were shot dead, before they escaped with their victims.

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"The deceased: Messrs Nurudeen Olanrenwaju and Idris Olowolayemo, were buried yesterday according to Muslim rites," Ojuade said.

Ojuade added that the gunmen came again yesterday at 1pm to the building next to where they allegedly kidnapped the two women on Friday and kidnapped one Mr. Kehinde, whom he said had just returned from church.

"Immediately Kehinde parked his car, the gunmen jumped into his compound and started shooting bullets into his building.

"They captured him and escaped again to Ogun through a canoe."

He called on the government to come to their aid and provide security for the area.

Ojuade said: "We want the government to erect police post in Oshin to reduce criminality in the area. We want the police to help us rescue the three people who had been kidnapped."

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Another resident, who only identified himself as Kunle many residents had abandoned their houses in the area due to the incessant kidnappings.

“The community is now deserted as many residents had packed out of their houses for fear of the unknown.

“We can no longer sleep and close our eyes as our lives are not safe.”

He said that the parents of the two women allegedly kidnapped on Friday were currently receiving treatment at the hospital.

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