

# Gunmen kill ASP, injure others at Lagos checkpoint

• Police arrest two suspects over Gowon Estate killings

**A**RMED men at the weekend killed an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) and injured other cops during an attack on their checkpoint at Ikorodu.

The attackers fled with two service rifles belonging to the policemen said to have been taken unawares.

It was gathered that the incident occurred on Friday night, at a checkpoint at Emuren Junction, Itokin, Ikorodu, barely 48 hours after gunmen killed three residents of Gowon Estate in Ipaja; and less than 24 hours three riot policemen were murdered at a checkpoint in Edo State.

Sources told The Nation that

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the attack was suspected to have been executed by cultists, said to have been on rampage in parts of Lagos lately.

It was learnt that over four persons have been killed in the Ikorodu axis by these cultists alleged to be working for a notorious land grabber.

A source who pleaded anonymity said: "The cultists in Emuren have become untouchable. They now work for a popular land grabber in Ikorodu.

"They have been on the rampage for sometime now in

Ikorodu and environs. At least four persons have been cult by these cultists but nothing has happened to them.

"But this time around, I heard the police went to their hide-out in Emuren on Saturday to fish them out. Police should not wait until their officers are killed before taking these criminals out of society. They need to raid them constantly."

Contacted, spokesman for the command, SP Benjamin Hundeyin confirmed the incident, adding that investigation had commenced.

He said the identity of the slain policeman would not be

revealed until his family was well notified.

Hundeyin also confirmed that two suspects had been arrested in connection with the killing of three civilians at Gowon Estate on Wednesday night.

He said the suspects were arrested on Thursday and confirmed to be directly involved in the incident.

"We are working on it and hoping to get more suspects. We are hopeful we will be able to crack that cultism gang because it was all about cultism," said Hundeyin.

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