## Osun community deserted as gunmen kill four, dump bodies in well



Ido-Ayegunle community in Obokun Local Government Area of **Osun State** has been deserted after gunmen invaded the community, killed four, razed houses and destroyed property over land matter.

The Nation recalls that Ido-Ayegunle and Esa-Oke had been at loggerheads, leading to the destruction of property shortly after Governor Ademola Adeleke appointed a new king for the former community (Ido-Ayegunle) and the latter (Esa-Oke) insisted that an Ilesa indigene could not be made a king on their land.

It was gathered that the gunmen invaded the community around 10 am on Thursday, forcing the residents to run for safety.

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Speaking with one of the chiefs of Ido-Ayegunle, Obanla, Ibironke Adebusuyi described the attack as barbaric, demanding that the Osun State Government should bring the assailants to book.

Adebusuyi, who spoke with The Nation, said: "Our people were in the community on Thursday doing their normal activities when hoodlums numbering about 100 invaded the community.

"They started shooting, they covered their faces but we could recognise some of them."

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"They came from Esa-Oke axis on motorcycles around 10 am. They surrounded our community and brutally killed four people.

"They cut the head of one of them, removed the hand of another and even removed the heart of one of them.

"After killing them, they threw them inside the well and used big stones and slabs to cover them up.

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"All the people killed were from Ido Ayegunle.

"We demand that the government ensures those people are brought to book."

He denied that the attack involved hunters from Esa-Oke and hoodlums from Ido-Ayegunle, saying "Owamiran planned the attack on the community."

The Owamiran of Esa-Oke, Oba Adeyemi Adediran, however, denied the allegation that he masterminded the attack, saying, "If they can substantiate their allegation, they should prove where we met to plan it. My own is that I know nothing about the attack."

The Osun State Police Command, through its spokesperson, Abiodun Ojelabi, confirmed the attack.

He said the police moved swiftly into action, "but the perpetrators, when they saw our men, took to their heels.

"Four people were killed in the clash.

"Some houses were burnt and properties including bikes, generators and streetlights were damaged.

"Nobody has been arrested over the matter but we have recovered some things that could help in our investigation.

"Those people that perpetrated the act will be made to face the full wrath of the law."







