

Suspected herdsmen kill four hunters in Kwara

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FOUR local hunters were on Tuesday evening ambushed and killed by suspected herdsmen in Faje community in Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that five local hunters, otherwise called community vigilance members, on two

motorcycles, were attacked by their assailants at about 7:00 p.m. at a bushy path few metres away to the village.

It was gathered that three of the five hunters were gunned down on the spot, while two others ran back to the village to inform members of the community of the incident.

However, before people in the village could arrive at the scene of the attack, the

suspected herdsmen had escaped with one of the hunters' two motorcycles and abandoned theirs.

Two of the deceased were said to be of same parents.

A source in the community said: "Five hunters were coming from Ilorin to Faje village on two motorcycles on Tuesday night. Before they could get to the village, herdsmen attacked them at about 7:00 p.m.

The names of the deceased are Muri, Laide and Segun. Two of the victims are of same parents.

"One of the motorcycles used by the attackers was recovered by members of the vigilance team and had been deposited at the Otte divisional police station."

Another member of the community said suspected herdsmen had abducted a hunter in the community

and the others had mobilised themselves to go and rescue him and that was when they came under attack.

"Five of the hunters mobilised on two motorcycles to the area, but as they approached the vicinity, the herdsmen immediately opened fire on them, killing the three who were on the first motorcycle instantly. The other two on the other

motorcycle sustained bullet wounds and one of them has been taken to the hospital for treatment, while the other one, who was initially taken to a trade-medical home to remove the bullets later died this morning [Wednesday]."

When contacted, the Kwara State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ajayi Okasanmi, confirmed the incident.