

Armed robbers kill man, rape his 10, 14-yr-old daughters in Ibadan

•Police confirm arrest of suspects

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THE police in Oyo State have confirmed the arrest of suspected armed robbers who killed a middle-aged man identified as Makanjuola Ogedengbe and raped his two little daughters during an operation at Apatuku/Onireke village in Akobo, in Lagelu Local Government Area of the state.

Confirming the arrest on Friday in Ibadan, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Adewale Osifeso, said the suspects are assisting the police with information.

Osifeso stated that the suspects, who were armed with dangerous weapons, invaded the area on Sunday, 14 May, 2023, at 2.00 a.m. and carried out the dastardly act.

The police spokesman said victims of the robbery attack, including Ogedengbe who was shot and killed by the assailants, were dispossessed of their property.

He quoted a police report

as saying, "On 14th May, 2023 at about 0400hrs, a group of armed robbers invaded Apatuku/Onireke in Akobo area in Ibadan and robbed residents of their valuables.

"The assailants killed one Makanjuola Ogedengbe, m, and raped his two daughters aged 14y and 10y during the incident.

"The case was transferred to SCID, Iyaganku, for discreet investigation.

"During investigation, it was revealed that one Ibrahim Rasaq 'm' 31yrs; one Abiodun Olalekan 'm' 32yrs; and one Abolade Morenikeji 'm' 34yrs, who were earlier arrested in connection with the armed robbery operation at Sawia Estate at Ogbera in Ibadan, which was reported on 16 April, 2023, are the same gang who invaded Apatuku/Onireke community.

"The two daughters of the deceased were allegedly raped by Abolade Morenikeji and one Sodiq. The said

Sodiq, who was the group's alleged leader, was killed during the operation by the community's security guards.

"The assailants also shot at the community's night guard who is currently receiving treatment.

"On 16/6/2023 at about 03300hrs, one Adebayo Salami 'm', who is a major receiver/informant of the group and landlord at Ajara Olohunda, Akobo, in Ibadan was arrested in connection with the case.

"During interrogation, he confessed to have invited the group for the robbery operation at the Apatuku area where one Makanjuola Ogedengbe 'm' was killed and his two daughters aged 14 and 10 were defiled by the robbery gang."

The command also paraded 20 other suspects for various crimes, including armed robbery, unlawful possession of firearms, possession of items suspected to be India hemp and attempted murder.