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One killed, scores injured as robbers invade Ibadan community

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A yet to be identified night-watchman was allegedly killed by armed robbers in Oju-irin, Akobo area of Ibadan on Saturday when robbers numbered about 15 invaded the area around 2 am.

The robbers were said to have operated for hours without police intervention.

The landlords in idi-isin and the leader of the security guard in the area simply identified as Mr. Fagbenro insisted that a security guard was shot dead at Oju Irin on the arrival of the robbers at 1:am before moving to other areas while some of his boys are on danger list at various hospitals.

Our correspondent gathered that among the people who were injured are a couple, 12-night guards who were working in Yawiri, Idi-isin, Tella, Anifalaje, Apata, Iyana Akanni, and Oju-Irin, where the robbers operated for several hours.

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One of the executives of the landlord association in Idi-isin area who doesn't want his name in print for security reasons said the robbers arrived the area in a Micra Nissan car and raided houses in Yawiri area before proceeded to other areas of the community.

He confirmed to our correspondent that one night guard was killed around Oju-Irin and two security guard who were instructed to man a transformer at idi-isin were injured for preventing the robbers from carting away electrical wires from the transformer.

According to him, the residents alerted police officers on duty at Akobo police station when they noticed the arrival of the robbers but there was no response from the police until 6 am.

“It is true that the robbers killed one night guard at Oju Irin but here, they macheted our night guard. I am also aware that a couple was macheted at Yawiri up there and about 12 other night guards were also macheted.

“In our investigations, we heard they arrived this area 2 am in a Micra Nisan car and three motorcycles. Our night guards were just returning from patrol when they attacked them at the point of the transformer. The guardsmen are in the hospital recuperating now,” he said.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Gbenga Fadeyi confirmed that some night guards were attacked.

He, however, denied that a security officer was killed in the attack.

Fadeyi said; “They ran away before the arrival of the Police in the area. Efforts intensified to clamp down on these hoodlums that carried out the evil act.

“Information available to me has it that the nightguards that were attacked sustained injury but rescued by the Police.

He was taken to the University College Hospital for treatment and he is responding to treatment. No guard was killed,” Fagbemi insisted.