

Command searches for killers of two Oyo youths

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Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Shina Olukolu

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The Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Shina Olukolu, on Wednesday ordered aggressive stop and search on motorcycle riders in Ibadan, Oyo State, following Tuesday's killings of two persons by gunmen.

Reports said armed robbers attacked residents of Olomi, in the Oluyole Local Government Area of Ibadan on Tuesday, leaving two people dead and one other person injured.

The armed men, who were said to be on commercial motorcycle, reportedly killed a 14-year-old boy who was an apprentice in a mechanic workshop in Olomi community.

The police added that the second victim, who was also killed at the mechanic workshop, had yet to be identified.

It was gathered that the boys were killed by stray bullets.

An eyewitness said, “Three young men on a motorcycle trailed a woman called Alhaja and waylaid her very close to the mechanic workshop.

“Before the woman could alight from the car, the gun-wielding robbers attacked her and dispossessed of her jewellery, bags and other items.

“The robbers started shooting indiscriminately and in the process, several vehicles in the mechanic workshop were damaged by the volleys of bullets shot by the robbers.

The source said two people died while one other person was injured.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Gbenga Fadeyi, said the police had launched a manhunt for the attackers.

“We have commenced a manhunt to arrest the hoodlums. As a matter of fact, the Commissioner of Police has given a marching order to clamp down on hoodlums using motorcycles to commit crimes.

“The two persons killed were apprentices in a mechanic workshop in the area. They were victims of stray bullets,” Fadeyi added.