

Gunmen kill cousins, businesswoman in Oyo

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Two nine-year-old cousins have been killed by suspected kidnappers around Subawah Oil Filling Station, along idere Road in Igboora, Ibarapa, Oyo State.

The mother of one of the children was said to have been hit by a stray bullets during the incident, while Mrs Sherifat Adisa, the Chief Executive Officer of the filling station, was abducted on Saturday.

The corpse of the abducted woman was said to have been found along the bush path on Sunday.

A resident of the community said those killed were hit by stray bullets fired by the hoodlums while trying to escape with the business woman.

An eyewitness, named Seyi, said, “The incident occurred around 7.20pm on Saturday, January 2. Road users and those in the neighbourhood scampered for safety as the hoodlums shot into the air.

“The woman and two children were on their way from Igboora to Idere when the commercial motorcycle rider who was conveying them dropped them by the roadside to buy fuel at the filling station. In the process, they were hit by stray bullets. The woman was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment.”

The police in Oyo State in a statement by the Police Public Relations Officer, Oyo State Command, Fadeyi Olugbenga, , said, “Some suspects have been arrested through collaborative efforts of the police and other local security. Investigation has commenced and the outcome will be made public in due time. Intensive manhunt is still ongoing around the area to arrest other fleeing suspects.”

The state police spokesman also said one Dr Akindele was abducted in in Tapa in the Ibarapa North LGA on Saturday.