

Three murder suspects died in attack on Osun prison bus –Police

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The Osun State Police Command on Thursday said three murder suspects being conveyed to a custodial centre were among the four casualties of an attack on the police by some gunmen in the Osunleja area of the state.

The police said the assailants planned to hijack a vehicle conveying the suspects and others to a custodial centre in Ilesha when the incident happened.

Our correspondent had reported that some hoodlums exchanged gunfire with the police on Wednesday in Osunjela, a community on the Osogbo-Ilesha Road.

During the clash, four people were killed, as some of the gunmen fled into a bush.

A spokesperson for the state police command, Yemisi Opalola, noted that the incident happened around 3.30pm, when a tactical team was taking the murder suspects to the Ilesha Custodial Centre.

“After the Osunjela River along the Osogbo/Ilesha Road, the conveyance vehicle developed a mechanical fault.

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“As nearby mechanics were working on the vehicle, four armed men emerged from the Osunjela Road on a Bajaj motorcycle and attacked the police team by firing continuously in a bid to hijack the suspects.

“However, with the superior firepower of the police team, the hoodlums abandoned their motorcycle, three locally-made guns; one pump-action gun and two cut-to-size guns with 14 live cartridges. In the process, three murder suspects sustained varying degrees of injury and later died at the Asubiaro Hospital in Osogbo and were deposited in the same hospital’s morgue.

“One of the hoodlums fled into the bush with bullet wounds. Meanwhile, the police, in collaboration with the local security outfits and the youth of the community are combing the bush for possible arrest of the fleeing suspects,” the statement added.