

# Gunmen invade Imo palace, shoot

Chidiebube Okeoma,  
Owerri



• Asor security officer.

The injured victims including the pregnant woman, a retired soldier, the

traditional prime minister, Stephen Ajoku, who sustained bullet wounds, were rushed to different hospitals for prompt

treatment.

A source, while speaking with our correspondent, said the communities had been thrown into mourning following the attacks, adding that those who escaped were fortunate to be alive.

The source said, "Our community was attacked Monday morning. The gunmen invaded the monarch's palace where issues were being discussed.

"They opened fire and as I speak with you, the traditional ruler, two chiefs and two others have been confirmed dead. The traditional prime minister of the community, Chief Ajoku, and a retired soldier were also shot but they are still alive.

"Mgbala community was also attacked and a pregnant woman and vigilante officer were shot. They are alive as we speak. Our community bleeds. This is very unfortunate."

The Coordinator of Agwa Development Centre, Obinna Jumbo, when contacted, said the victims' families alongside

Sunnyfield, Oke-Afo community, in the Badagry area of the

She explained that after purchasing the land, hoodlums

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# monarch, chiefs, villagers dead

members of the community reported the incident to the police for investigation.

He explained further that the corpses of the victims had been evacuated from the scene and deposited in a morgue.

The sole Administrator of

Oguta LGA, Ijioma Ofili, during a telephone conversation with our correspondent, said security agents in the communities had briefed him on the incident, adding that efforts were on to apprehend those behind the dastardly

attacks.

While assuring that normalcy had been restored in the community, the LGA boss said justice would be served in the matter to assuage the pains of the families of the slain victims.

Contacted, the state Public Relations Officer Michael Abattam, confirmed the incident.

He said the command would issue a statement but had to do so as of the time this report was filed.

# Lagos community seeks gov intervention over bad roads, flooding

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**L**ANDLORDS and residents of Onibata community, in the Ifako Ijaiye Local Government Area of Lagos State, have cried out for government intervention over the deplorable state of roads in different neighbourhoods in the community.

In a statement by the residents' association, United Onibata Community, the residents said despite sharing boundaries with Ogundimu, Ajuwon, Alagbole and other communities in Ogun State,

boast of good infrastructure and social amenities.

According to the residents, the situation is bad and not something they deserve because they perform their civil obligation and political responsibility.

The statement read in part, "Recently, the rate of accidents in the community is alarming due to the bad state of roads. The roads are so bad that they destroy residents' vehicles. Lack of social amenities makes life unbearable for the residents of the communities.

"When it rains, the roads become too slippery for



• Lagos Gov, Babajide Sanwo-Olu with flooding in their homes.

"Due to the above stated reasons, the community set up a three-man road committee

the roads got washed off erosion.

He added, "The road divided into two after a rainfall in the area. Most soil on the untarred road street gets washed down the swamp at the extremity of the street. In other words, what they suffer is flooding. Sometimes, they get displaced from their homes."

Another resident who lives on Funsho Oka Street, Adeyemi, said whenever it rained, community motorists often tumbled down passengers' require