

~~G~~unmen attack Osun motorcyclists, kill one

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ONE person identified simply as Taye has reportedly died after sustaining gunshot injuries in an attack by some yet-to-be-identified gunmen along the Gbere Odofin/Oba Road, Osun State on Wednesday.

The deceased, a commercial motorcyclist, was said to be conveying a passenger to Oba to buy fish when some gunmen said to be laying an ambush at Gbere Odofin Junction, shot him in the leg.

Taye, an indigene of Erin-Osun, was said to have been rushed to two private hospitals in Ifon and Erin-Osun for treatment but was rejected.

He was said to have died on

his way to the third hospital in Osogbo.

The Baba Kekere of Erin-Osun, Chief Basiru Agboola, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

"It was on their way to Osogbo that he gave up the ghost, probably due to loss of blood. We don't know the identity of the perpetrators yet but the victim's name is Taye from Amolaju compound, Erin-Osun," Agboola said.

Another motorcyclist who was allegedly attacked, who hails from Alaasan compound, Ifon-Osun, in a video footage obtained by our correspondent on Wednesday, said he was on his way to Oba when some men covering their faces stopped him at

Gbere Odofin Junction.

"They stopped me at Gbere Odofin Junction and asked which town I hailed from. I told them I am from Ifon. They called others already in the bush to come out. One of them from the bush shot at me. They were about six or seven in number. They used a black mask to cover their faces. I left my motorcycle and ran away with the gunshot wounds," he said.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Yemisi Opalola, said she has not been briefed on the issue, but added "We were told there were shootings around Ifon and Ilobu communities. I have not been properly briefed on this issue you mentioned."