

Gunmen kill seven in Kwara attacks

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Illustration image: Gunmen

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Gunmen launched deadly attacks in Ilesha Baruba (Baruten Local Government Area) and Kemanji (Kaiaama Local Government Area) of Kwara State on Sunday, leaving seven people dead, including a vigilante member.

The Kwara State Police Command confirmed the incidents in a statement issued by the Police Public Relations Officer, Toun Ejire-Adeyemi, on Monday. She noted that police had arrested an informant linked to a network of bandits and that tactical operations had been intensified in the affected areas.

According to the statement, the police are currently investigating two serious incidents that occurred on Sunday, April 21, 2025.

“At about 21:30 hours, suspected armed men, numbering 10, stormed the Ilesha Baruba Motor Park and opened fire indiscriminately at civilians gathered at a nearby relaxation spot.

“As a result, six persons—identified as Alhaji Ja’awire, AbdulJabar, Mohammed Nasamu, and three others—lost their lives, while two others sustained serious gunshot injuries.

“The deceased have been deposited at the Ilesha Baruba Morgue for autopsy, while the injured are receiving treatment.”

The police assured that a full investigation has been launched and that comprehensive security measures are in place to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.