

Land Speculators Sack Village, Kill Youth

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Land speculators have invaded Ibaragu village in Ogun State, killing a youth identified as Taiwo Gadaffi and injuring the head of the village, Alhaji Jimoh Animashaun.

Narrating his ordeal to *P.M.NEWS* at the Agbado Police Station where the attack was reported, Alhaji Animashaun who could barely walk as a result of the beating he received from his attackers, disclosed that he was attacked in his home while discussing with his son.

The old man explained that four buses, four cars and a lot of motorcycles carrying three attackers each came to his house and before he knew what was happening, they attacked him and his son.

He alleged that his son was beaten mercilessly and dragged into one of the vehicles brought by the attackers and everything on him was stolen.

"I don't know what happened after that because I became unconscious and was rushed to the hospital.

"I later learnt that one Taiwo Gadaffi was shot dead. The men came with guns, clubs and weapons of all sorts. They made away with 11 commercial motorcycles in

the village," he added.

Alhaji Animashaun also revealed that he could identify the attackers, adding that their names had been given to the police to assist them in their investigation.

Another victim of the attack, Mr. Toyin Adeniran recounted his ordeal in the hands of the land speculators, saying he was attacked with machetes when he got to his site to supervise

his workers.

"They were shooting sporadically into the air and chasing everyone. I ran for my dear life. Four men chased me and when they caught up with me, they macheted me and left me on the ground to die," he said.

It took the combined efforts of the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Oyelola Adeoye, the Area Commander

at Sango and Chief Suprintendent of Police (CSP), Prince Adewunmi, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Agbado Police Station, to stop the bloodshed.

A resident of the village, Chief Rasaq A. Omitola appealed to the Ogun State Government to come to the aid of the villagers by flushing out the hoodlums in the area.

**•The youth killed, Taiwo Gadaffi.
Inset is a resident wounded.**

