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Tension, like a cloak, hangs over Araromi in Agege Local Government Area of Lagos State, following a robbery attack which occurred in the community recently.

The robbers, armed to the teeth with guns, daggers and machetes, allegedly raided the whole buildings in the streets, moving from apartment to apartment. They were said to have arrived about midnight and operated until 4a.m.

According to some of the victims, the robbers were youths between ages of 20 and 22. The robbers were said to have split into groups, before moving into different houses to rob occupants.

It was learnt that the robbers started their operation at No 1, Adewunmi Adebisi Street, and gradually moved down the street. Four flats were robbed at No 1, Adewunmi Adebisi, while a person was stabbed on the thigh for refusing to part with his money.

One of the victims at No 1, Adewunmi Adebisi, Mrs. Adegoroye Olashinle, said: "We were sleeping when we suddenly heard a loud bang on our door. Before I knew what was happening, six young men barged into our apartment. They threatened to kill me and my family.

"Immediately the robbers entered our apartment, one of them grabbed my three-year-old son, raised him high and pointed a gun to his head. He threatened to shoot if we didn't submit all valuables in the house.

"I quickly brought out N75,000, which I had kept in my wardrobe. I also submitted my phones, laptop and my wedding ring. They later left our apartment to that of our neighbour. When they entered our neighbour's apartment, we heard then shouting, ordering them to bring out whatever they

Robbers demand pants, bras from victim

- We're under siege, residents cry
- Two killed, several injured as hoodlums loot houses

from one apartment to the next. The robbers robbed eight flats in our building and collected tenants' valuables. Whenever they gained access into any room, they would demand money, phones and other valuables. The robbers were mostly young boys. In fact, they were seriously armed and threatened to kill whoever dared to confront them.

"I believe the robbers had an informant in the community, which was why they were able to operate successfully without being challenged. Also, we have some black spots in our community, which need serious attention. Some hoodlums used to converge on the spots. We cannot challenge them, especially since our streets do not have gates."

Salaudeen said that proper security was needed in the community, starting from Mulero area.

He added: "We used to arm our security guards, but when robbers killed someone on the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway, policemen turned the case against one of our security guards. They said he was the person who killed the victim. We had to stop arming them."

Our correspondent visited No. 23, Adewunmi Adebisi Street, where a man, Ibrahim, was stabbed on his shoulder. The victim, however, died on his way to the hospital.

Ibrahim was killed a day after celebrating his birthday. The deceased's co-tenants revealed his last moments.

One of them, Isong Same, said: "He was also sleeping like ev-



One of the houses robbed by the robbers

