

# Igangan killer-herdsmen murder three hunters in Ogun

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**S**uspected killer herds-  
men behind the killings  
at Igangan in Oyo State  
have struck in a village in  
Ogun State, killing three  
people.

The New Telegraph learnt  
that the victims, said to be  
hunters, were murdered at  
Amule Kanji village, via  
Imeko in Imeko-Afon Local  
Government Area.

The herdsmen were said  
to have left Igangan, a few  
kilometres om Amule Kanji  
village, and carried out the  
attack.

The hunters were report-  
edly killed in a gun battle with  
the marauding killer herds-  
men when the victims were  
trying to prevent them from  
attacking the village.

The victims are identified  
as Femi Bara, John Taiwo  
and Tunde Taiwo.

This came a few hours  
after several people were re-  
portedly killed in an attack on  
Igangan, Oyo State.

The victims, who were on  
a motorcycle, coming from  
Ologede village, ran into the  
herdsmen, who killed them  
and took away their motor-  
cycle.

The Balogun of Imeko  
Isale, Chief Ganiu Akinloye,  
said the incident occurred  
about 11pm on Sunday.

Akinloye said the police  
had gone to the village to  
evacuate the bodies.

He said: "You know there  
was a crisis in Igangan, those  
herdsmen who escaped to  
Imeko through our forest  
reserves killed three men on  
Sunday night.

"The victims were riding  
on a motorcycle, coming from  
Ologede about 11 o'clock last  
(Sunday) night. They ran into  
these fleeing herdsmen, who  
killed them. They even took  
the victims' new motorcycle



Herdsmen

away, leaving their (killers')  
old one behind.

"We saw empty AK47 car-  
tridges at the scene of the  
incident. A formal report has  
been made at the police sta-  
tion in Imeko and the police  
have gone there to take the  
bodies.

"This is getting too much.  
We can no longer sleep in our  
houses. The herdsmen are  
everywhere. Government  
should come to our rescue.  
The Amotekun operatives in  
Imeko are too few. We need  
help."

The Ba-  
logun raised  
the alarm that  
the Igangan  
killers had  
relocated to a  
village called  
Sagada in  
Imeko-Afon.

He added:  
"Those herds-  
men who  
escaped after  
killing people  
in Igangan are

now in Ogun State. They camp  
in a village called Sagada, un-  
der Oke Agbede in Ward 2.

"There is a river (Oyan) in-  
between Sagada and Igangan.  
They are there as we speak.  
We have informed appropri-  
ate authorities, but no positive  
steps have taken so far."

The state Police Public Re-  
lations Officer (PPRO), DSP  
Abimbola Oyeyemi, claimed  
the command was not aware  
of the incident, but promised  
to get back to our correspon-  
dent later.

## No kidnapping in Abaren,

Taiwo Jimoh

**B**aale of Abaren, Chief Olu-  
kayode Akoni, and Baale  
in Council in Obafemi  
Owode Local government Area  
of Ogun State have debunked  
the rumoured kidnapping in  
their community.

The village head and the  
council of chiefs also denied the  
report of insecurity in the com-  
munity, claiming the reports of  
abduction in the community  
were the handiworks of crimi-  
nals planning to cause trouble  
in the community for their per-  
sonal interest.

They, however, called on the  
Inspector General of Police,  
Usman Alkali Baba, and the  
state Commissioner of Police,  
Edward Ajogun, to thoroughly  
investigate the allegations of

abduction and attack in the  
community.

It was learnt that policemen  
from the Force Headquarters,  
Abuja went to the community to  
arrest some hoodlums foment-  
ing trouble. The suspects are  
identified as Olatunji (leader),  
Azeez, Mustapha and Alabenu.

The Baale, Olukayode, said  
the general public should disre-  
gard any report of kidnapping  
at Abaren in recent times.

Akoni told journalists yes-  
terday that what happened  
recently was that policemen  
from the Special Weapons and  
Tactics (SWAT) from Abuja  
stormed the town and made  
some arrests in connection  
with a petition against some  
hoodlums in the town.

He said: "Before the police-  
men came into the community,