

Robbers kill three in Ibadan raid

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IBADAN—DARE DEVIL armed robbers on Wednesday night unleashed terror on the residents of Boluwaji Area of Ibadan killing three people and leaving scores of others seriously injured.

Vanguard gathered that the robbers numbering about 80 arrived the area around 10pm and operated till around 4am. No fewer than 50 houses were said to have been raided by the robbers who shot sporadically to scare the residents immediately they arrived the scene.

On arrival, the gun-totting robbers were said to have headed for the house of a prominent landlord in the area who had reportedly thwarted

various robbery attacks in the past. Sensing that the landlord could still be a brickwall in their way, it was gathered that they drilled a hole through the wall and eventually gained entry to the man's room.

Unknown to the landlord, he was said to have laid ambush for the robbers only to be caught unawares by the robbers. After holding him hostage for some time, they allegedly shot him in the stomach and left him in the pool of his blood.

All efforts by the policemen who responded to the distress call made by some of the residents to save the dying man proved abortive. It was learnt that the policemen on sighting the dying man quickly rushed him to the hospital where he later died. Sources hinted that the landlord could not have died if the hospital where he was taken to did not insist on getting money before attending to him. But before the police could come to source for the undisclosed sum of money, he had given up the ghost.

Vanguard gathered that when the robbers got the hint that police had been invited, they reportedly hid for some time and after the police had left the scene, they resumed their ungodly acts and became more deadly.

Apart from the landlord, two other night guards were said to be found in the nearby bush dead. It was also gathered that the robbers who came to the area in about five buses and a lorry raided about fifty houses where they carted away property worth millions of naira.

Confirming the robbery incident, the Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Jonathan Johnson said immediately the police got the distress call, they rushed to the area to protect the residents.

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interrogation over the Gateway Games through which many people believed that a lot of money was siphoned from the State Government's purse.

Efforts to get the usual spokesmen for the government; the Director of Organization of the Peoples Democratic Party PDP Mr. Wale Adedayo and Consultant to the Governor on Media Affairs, Mr. Sina Ogunbambo proved abortive as their telephones were switched off.

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