

Gunmen kill septuagenarian, woman in Ogun

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ABEEKUTA—A septuagenarian and a woman were Tuesday night killed while no fewer than 10 other persons were injured after suspected land speculators invaded Ajambata village near Atan in Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State.

An eyewitness told *Vanguard* that the sad event took place about 9p.m. when the hoodlums attacked the villagers with guns and cutlasses. They shot sporadically and forced the villagers to scamper to safety.

It was gathered that the three-hour incident led to the death of the septuagenarian, identified as Bayo Odunaro, and a yet-to-be identified woman.

The hoodlums also at-

tacked African Church building at the entrance of the village and vandalised the chairs and other property.

Speaking with *Vanguard*, Otun of Ajambata, Chief Adeleke Akinde, said: "The unfortunate attack started since 2001 before degenerating to this extent and we had complained to the law enforcement agencies, but nothing was done to nip the crisis in the bud.

"But rather than solve, the problem of the harassment, the land grabbers have been using law enforcement agencies to intimidate and harass us."

When *Vanguard* visited the village, yesterday, the community had been deserted with the youths barricading the roads leading to the village.