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Police confirm fresh Modakeke killings, arrest 2 suspects

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O**SOGBO**—OSUN State Police Command, yesterday, confirmed fresh killings in Alapata village via Toro in Modakeke town as two dead bodies were discovered on a farm on Saturday.

The command also disclosed that two persons have been arrested in connection with the killings while it is on the trail of other suspects.

It would be recalled that five persons were on August 20 killed by unknown assailants, which almost led to a

communal clash between Ife and Modakeke indigenes but for the timely intervention of security operatives.

No one has been arrested in connection with the August 20 murder before last Saturday incident.

It was gathered that some gunmen rounded up four persons working on a farm in the village and took them hostage. However, one of the victims, a female, who escaped with a gun wound on her hand, ran back to the community to alert others.

A resident, Olawale Adegoke, said

people quickly mobilised to the scene but on getting there, they met two dead bodies and another villager missing.

He said: "A woman ran back to the community with a wound on her hand. She told us that some gun-wielding people were trying to kill her and three others working on a farm.

"We quickly mobilised to the farm but when we got there, the gunmen had already killed two of their victims and escaped. We alerted the people in the town and they informed the police. We are still searching for one of the victims."

While confirming the incident, the Police spokesperson in the state, Yemisi Opalola, said two suspects in

connection with the killings have been arrested.

Opalola said: "It is true four persons were declared missing in the village and two of them were eventually killed by their assailants. However, the Commissioner of Police, Olawale Olokode, has relocated to the area with operatives.

"Two suspects have been arrested in connection with the murder. We are trailing those on the run. We prevailed on the residents of the area to report any suspected persons to the police."

She added that bodies of the deceased have been deposited at the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital in Ile-Ife.

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