

# Suspected kidnappers kill 2 Ekiti monarchs, one escapes

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**A**DO-EKITI—GUNMEN suspected to be kidnappers, yesterday evening, shot dead two traditional rulers in Ikole Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

The monarchs were said to be returning from a security meeting at Irele-Ekiti, in the same local government area, when they were waylaid by the dare-devil kidnappers.

Sources revealed that the two traditional rulers, the Elesun of Esun-Ekiti, Oba David Ogunsakin, and the Onimojo of Imojo-Ekiti, Oba Olafunde Olushola were ambushed and killed by the gunmen, while the Alara of Ara Ikole-Ekiti, Oba Adebayo Fatoba escaped from the scene.

The monarchs were said to be in a vehicle being driven by Alara when they were attacked along the road.

When contacted, the police spokesman in the state, Sunday Abutu said: "I will get the details and get back please."

But the chairman of the Ajoni Local Council Development Area, Michael Ogungbemi, who confirmed the incident, said the gunmen attempted to kidnap the three traditional rulers.

Meanwhile, Governor Biodun Oyebanji has ordered security agencies in the state to fish out the killers of the two traditional rulers.

Oyebanji, who condemned the dastardly act, assured the people of the state that the government would spare nothing to get to the root of the matter.

The governor, in a statement signed by his Special Adviser on Media, Yinka Oyebo, said security agents have been despatched to the area to fish out the perpetrators of the heinous crime.