

# Three killed as gunmen attack a community in Kwara

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Three persons; a police officer and two members of a vigilante group were killed yesterday by gunmen suspected to be bandits in Babanla community in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

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Vanguard reliably gathered that the incident occurred during a routine meeting of the community's vigilante group.

The armed attackers who fired gun shots indiscriminately at the meeting reportedly targeted the local police station, and attempted to loot grocery shops and a hotel.

During the pandemonium the three persons were killed, a development that forced residents to flee into nearby bushes for safety.

The Nigerian Army was said

to have responded swiftly, repelling the attackers and mounting a security cordon around the community.

In a statement, the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Rafiu Ajakaye, commended the army, police, and community vigilante members for their quick intervention.

The statement added that Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq has been in constant touch with security commanders and local vigilante leaders, and has ordered a sustained security lockdown of the area to neutralise the threat and protect residents.