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Fear in Rivers as gunmen behead youth leader, kill aide



Gunmen suspected to be cultists in Omoku, Ogba-Egbema-Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State have murdered a youth leader and his aide.

The bloody attack sent shockwaves across the entire state and unsettled Omoku community and its environs.

It was gathered that while the aide identified as Chigozie Oluwu was shot and killed on the spot, his principal and President of Omoku Youth Federation, Ifeanyi Azuazu, was abducted and later beheaded with his headless body dumped in a forest.

It was gathered that the gunmen numbering seven stormed a popular drinking joint along Ogolo street, off Palace Road on two vehicles.

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The assailants sighted the youth president, pointed a gun at him and ordered him to enter one of their two vehicles.

But Oluwu, said to be a personal guard to the youth president, tried to stop the gunmen from attacking his boss, but was shot dead by the attackers.

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The incident created confusion and sent people running to different directions for safety.

The ONELGA Security and Planning Advisory Committee (OSPAC) was said to have recovered the headless body of the Youth President at a forest in Omuku on Friday afternoon.

The Spokesperson for OSPAC in ONELGA, Godnews Nkem confirmed the incident but explained that Oluwu was shot dead at the youth president's house while the lifeless body of Azuazu was found in a forest hours after his abduction by gunmen.

He advised residents of Omoku to remain calm and allow the police and other relevant security agencies carry out their investigation with a view to arresting the culprit.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Grace Iring-Koko confirmed the incident.

She said the killings were cult-related and that the Commissioner of Police, CP Olugbenga Adepaju had ordered an investigation into the incident.