

Gunmen kill community leader, one other in Anambra

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OGIDI community, Idemili North local government area, Anambra State has been thrown into deep mourning following the brutal killing of its Town Union President General, Chief Ikwuka Okoye and another man whose identity was yet to be ascertained by gunmen suspected to be cultists.

The incident which occurred on Friday night at Ebenezer Primary School Field Ogidi was said to have been allegedly carried out by members of a rival cult group in revenge for the death of their leader, who was arrested and killed by local security operatives.

Some eyewitnesses in the area said the incident has sparked outrage in the community, with residents and officials condemning the killing, adding that the deceased leader was duly elected and has no link with cultism or any criminal activities.

One of the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "Daredevil gunmen invaded our community. By the time they were done, the town's President-General, Sir Ikwuka Okoye, and another victim, who happened to be his relative, lay dead on the floor.

"The incident happened at the School Field, Ogidi. The PG and a relation from the same village, who was in his company, were shot dead by gunmen suspected to be cultists on Friday evening."