



# News

## Gunmen kill five at Ogbia community

• *Patience Jonathan bags chieftaincy title "Odamiba 1" of Otuoke*

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**B**ARELY 24 hours after the official N5billion fund raising ceremony for the take-off of a Federal University in Otuoke by the community, gunmen in Ayama community near Mr. President Country home have killed four persons and injured scores of others.

Also, wife of President Jonathan, Dame Patient Jonathan was on Saturday crowned as the Odamiba 1 of Otuoke community in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State by the chiefs and Elders of the community.

The chieftaincy title was as a result of remarkable contribution by Mrs. Jonathan to the community as she enhances socio-economic transformation in the area.

The killing which took place at Ayama waterside on Friday night was suspected to have been

executed by militant group who descended on the community and shot sporadically.

Suspected militants opened gun fire at the waterfront and killed the victims and escape possible arrest as they disappeared to the creek for safety.

*Sunday Champion* reports that the news of the militant killings at Ayama did not disturb the chieftaincy ceremony at her husband's country home, just as jubilations and merry making graced the event.

Although no reason was given for the shooting as the incident took place at a wake keeping in the Ayama village in Ogbia Local Government.

The identities of the victims are yet to be made public as the clan was busy celebrating the coronation of the wife of Mr. President.

Mrs. Jonathan was crowned as the Odamiba 1 of Otuoke

community, meaning the supporter of the ladder of success.

Our correspondent reports that no arrest has been made on the incident as resident of the community are still counting the demise of their relations and love ones.

*Sunday Champion* also gathered that the fear of the sudden killings had force women and children to seek for protection in neighboring communities.

Efforts to Commissioner of Police, Aliyu Musa to comment on the killing proved abortive as several phone calls put through to his GSM line yielded no response.

Also calls to the private line of the Police spokesman in Bayelsa State, Mr. Emmakpai Egwueon Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) yielded no results as this correspondent called severally for an official comment

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