

Hoodlums kill 3 in A/Ibom

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From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

Three persons have been killed at Inen community in Oruk Anam LGA of Akwa Ibom State by suspected cultists.

It was learnt that the victims were killed on Tuesday morning in their homes when the hoodlums arrived the community in a motorcycle convoy and robbed them.

A witness, Johnson Akpakpan, said the owner of the house attacked first, Mrs Choice Etuk, was a victim of a cult clash last year and almost died from machete cuts but for the intervention of Dr Martha Udom Emmanuel, wife of the governor.

In the latest attack, Akpakpan stated that the hoodlums accosted Mrs Etuk's stepson, killed him and escaped with his new motorcycle.

He further said, "From there, the cultists from neighbouring communities proceeded to the compound of Elder Sunday Jumbo and killed a second person before they killed the third victim and bolted away with a POS machine."

Another witness who chose to remain unnamed attributed the killings to cult-related activities, saying the hoodlums came from a neighbouring local government.

The police spokesman in the state, SP Odiko Mcdon, said, "There are conflicting reports concerning the number of victims involved. But as a command, we have commenced investigation to avert more killings.

"We are out to establish the cause of the incident. We are determined to ensure that the culprits are brought to book."