

Sit-at-home order: Gunmen kill 4 vigilantes, burn vehicle in Anambra

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Four members of the Anambra Vigilante Services (AVS) were killed on Monday morning by gunmen in Anambra State.

① Three of the vigilante members were killed in Ukpò, Dunukofia LGA, while one was killed in Abatete, Idemili North LGA.

The gunmen stormed the area, firing indiscriminately, which led to the death of one person.

The attack occurred after Governor Charles Soludo's order to market men and women to ignore the sit-at-home order issued by the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), and to go about their normal business on Mondays.

A witness said that after killing the three AVS members in Ukpò, the gunmen set their operational vehicle ablaze and fled, taking about seven people with them and injuring many others.

A man suspected to be the president-general of Ukpò town, and one vigilante member, narrowly escaped with

bullet wounds.

According to the witness, the gunmen arrived at the Ukpò roundabout, shooting sporadically. Upon sighting a Sienna bus transporting the vigilante members, they opened fire on it, killing three of the personnel.

The witness stated,

"They came from nowhere, shooting sporadically and chanting 'No Biafra, No Freedom,' and people started running for safety."

It remains unclear whether the suspected president-general of Ukpò was in the group, but it is suspected that the AVS members were on their

way to report to him when the attack occurred.

When contacted, the police spokesman, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the incident but stated that the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Ukpò was on the ground to investigate the matter, and was awaiting further details.



■ One of the vehicles set ablaze during the attack