

13 feared dead as militants invade Rivers community

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SUSPECTED militants accused of planning to use Kula community in Akuku-Toru Local Council of Rivers State as a launch pad yesterday killed 13 persons in the area.

But the police said the renewed hostility might not be unconnected with the sharing of money given to the community by oil companies operating in Kula.

There were indications, however, that the group behind the killing of four prominent Kula leaders: Dan Opun-sunji, A.D Opuary, Efere-bo Lilly, Obaye Ojika and 15 others in January carried out the latest raid.

A source in Kula, who pleaded anonymity, told *The Guardian* that the militants first attacked the community last Sunday and killed three persons. Apparently not satisfied with the casualty inflicted on the people, they returned on Monday, killing two additional persons.