

Six feared killed over oil workers' murder in Rivers

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AT least six persons were feared dead yesterday at Minikpiti-Rumuolumeni community, near Port Harcourt following a reprisal attack by unknown gunmen over the murder of the President of Rumuolumeni Youth Council, Mr. Golden Isi.

The attack forced hundreds of persons, particularly strangers residing at both Rumuolumeni and Iwofe area of the Rivers State capital, to flee to avoid being caught in the crossfire.

Sources at Rumuolumeni told *The Guardian* that a group of heavily-armed persons had forced their way into Isi's house and shot him several times. And as they were escaping, they shot sporadically in the air to scare people.

The Guardian gathered that when the news of Isi's murder got to his paternal home in one of the riverine communities of the state, irate youths from there allegedly wrote a letter to the Rumuolumeni community, directing that they produce Isi's killers or face reprisal attack.

By noon, report said, scores of armed youths whose identity remained unknown began what turned out to be a reprisal attack on some persons. *The Guardian* gathered that at least six persons were killed though the Police put the figure at two.

The death of Isi, a former National Vice Chairman of NUPENG and also a staff of Aker Oil Services limited, an oil servicing company in Rumuolumeni, might not be unconnected with his agitation for greater employment opportunities for youths in the area.

Hundreds of Rumuolumeni residents fleeing from the attacks said that the youths involved had killed over five persons and injured several others.

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