

## Bandits kill police officer, ex-councillor in Akwa Ibom

**A**KWA Ibom State is losing its peace to bandits who now unleash violence on residents in several parts of the state.

The latest incident is the murder of an operative of the State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) by gunmen.

The victim, Patrick Etim, a police inspector, was reportedly mowed down by the suspected assassins' bullets at his residence in Ibesikpo Local Council last Friday at about 8.00 p.m.

In a separate incident, a

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former councillor in Mkpata Enin Local, Mrs. Marie Ata Udo, was murdered by suspected assassins in her Ikot Ekpaw residence two weeks ago.

Only two weeks ago, the Commissioner for Special Duties, was attacked by assassins in his country-home in Eket, a few days to his swearing in.

It was also learnt that the police inspector was killed

by four armed men who stormed his residence on two motorcycles and shot him dead in his sitting room.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Akwa Ibom State Command, Mr. Gabriel Ngbam, who confirmed the incidents at the headquarters in Uyo, said investigations had already begun.

He stated that the police had spread their dragnet to unravel those behind the dastardly act and assured that they would be brought to book.