

Gunmen kill varsity teacher, woman

FOUR persons including a senior lecturer and a nursing mother were shoot dead at the University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State by suspected rampaging student gangs yesterday.

Governor Chibuike Amaechi, who visited the university after the incident, condemned the act.

The Joint Task Force (JTF) operatives deployed to the school to check the bandits there shoot dead two of them and arrested one who is undergoing interrogation to determine the motive of the attack, the second in two weeks.

The Guardian learnt that the gun-wielding gangs wanted to kill the university's Chief Security Officer, Mr. Amadi Wali, but through divine providence, he

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escaped.

And in their fury, the bandits started shooting sporadically and in the process, a stray bullet killed a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Education, Dr. Ikezema Ozuru and a nursing mother, whose identity could not be ascertained at press time. A professor and scores of students sustained gunshot injuries as well.

The bare-faced gang, whose members the security agencies suspected to be students of the university, after killing their victims went ahead shooting towards Aluu community. The incident caused students and workers to flee into different directions.

In order to prevent the

bandits from killing more persons, JTF operatives were invited by the school authorities. It was learnt that the gunmen engaged the military personnel in a gun duel and lost two of their members. One of them was arrested.

The university spokesperson, Mr. William Wodi, confirmed the incident. According to him, the hoodlums wanted to assassinate the chief security officer who they missed.

Wodi said: "This morning (yesterday) there was shooting at Delta campus of our university. Some gunmen invaded the campus and their target was obviously the chief security officer, Mr. Amadi Wali. In the process some casualties were recorded.