Meanwhile, gunmen have killed the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Rumuolumeni, in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State, Kingsley Chukwuegu.

The DPO, a Superintendent of Police, was killed around Awaza community in Abia State, on his way to Port Harcourt.

The Guardian leant that Chukwuegu was killed alone, in the midst of three persons inside a private vehicle, who were unhurt by the suspected assassins.

The state Commissioner of Police, Zaki Ahmed, led some senior police officers to visit the division to commiserate with the personnel.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Nnamdi Omoni, who confirmed the incident, said the command was working with the Abia State command to unravel the circumstances behind the killing.