

# Gunmen kill two in Rivers community as fire guts 22 tricycles

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**N**O fewer than two persons have been feared killed in Kabangha Community, Khana Council of Rivers State. *The Guardian* learnt that gunmen killed one of the victims identified as Blessing Nwinee on the Easter Sunday, while Emeka Erasmus was killed earlier.

It was learnt that suspected cultists terrorising the community had invaded the area after dinner, shot sporadically into the air, went into the late Nwinee's compound and shot him several times on the neck to ensure he was dead before they fled.

However, the motive for the killings was still unknown, as it was not clear if the attack was a reprisal, but sources in the community said the development had sent panic into the residents.

"Some cult boys invaded Kabangha Community and shot two persons on Sunday night. One of those shot is Nwinee. He died immediately as he was shot on the neck in his bed.

"The Bori divisional police officer (DPO), who responded immediately and came to Kabangha on the same night, evacuated another victim, Basi Duuduu to hospital in Bori.

"On March 28, 2021, some cult boys also invaded the community and killed one Emeka Erasmus. His two hands were cut off, before he was shot in the eye and killed," he said.

Confirming the development, younger brother to one of the late victims, K. L Nwinee, said the killers invaded his elder brother's home around 9:00p.m. and killed him.

**B**ESIDES, about 22 tricycles, popularly known as 'Keke NAPAE' were destroyed in a fire outbreak that ravaged a mechanic workshop on Eagle Cement Road, Iwofe in Obio/Akpor Council of the

state yesterday.

Eyewitnesses said the inferno was caused by people, who engage in illegal sale of petroleum products along the road.

It was also learnt that fire fighters were not immediately available to put out the fire that started about 2:00a.m.

One of the victims said: "Illegal bunkering activities caused the fire that razed all tricycles here that has left us with nothing to manage."

Another resident whose tricycle was burnt said: "I don't know where I want to start from. It is the illegal petroleum business they are doing here that caused the fire."