

Again, gunmen kill three, abduct two in Rivers community

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A GAIN, unknown gunmen, yesterday, attacked Ka-Bori Community in Khana Council of Rivers State and killed three persons, while two others were declared missing.

This followed barely six days after gunmen reportedly killed three persons in Kono, Boue Community and three others in other communities in the area.

The Guardian learnt the bandits also shot two women and a man, while the third victim was rushed to hospital for treatment.

Residents of the communities, who are fleeing the area, raised the alarm over the startling killings and called on the state government and security agencies to assist them.

They, however, accused the people of Kono in Boue community of being responsible for the attacks.

Speaking on the incident, a native of Ka-Bori Community, who spoke in confidence, confirmed the killings, but lamented that the gunmen operated and left without any confrontation from security agents.

"The attackers came from Kono-Boue to Ka-Bori, killed one woman and a man. One other person, who was shot, is in the hospital, but the area is calm now, because the police intervened after the attackers escaped before

they came," she said.

She disclosed that the police and other security agencies have been deployed to the community to restore normalcy, but that no arrest had been made.

Another resident, who simply identified himself as Bari, said they heard gunshots in Ka-Bori about 6:00a.m, and the shooting lasted for about 40 minutes, adding that two persons were reported missing after the incident.

"We started hearing gun-

shots from Ka-Bori, Boue axis of Bori Town around 6:00a.m. The shooting lasted for about 45 minutes. We heard three persons died and another two abducted.

Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Kono, Boue Community Development Committee (CDC), Golden Nwibakpo, described insinuation that people of the community were responsible for the attack as false and misleading.

He said in a telephone interview with *The Guardian* that the people, who were fleeing the community and roaming about in Bori, could not have been responsible for the attack.

In a statement issued by spokesman for the Rivers State Police Command, SP Nnamdi Omoni, he confirmed the killing of three persons in Khana Council.

