

Gunmen Invade Imo Community, Kill Four

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GUNMEN dressed in military camouflage, at the weekend, invaded Abacheke community in Ohaji/Egbema Local Council, killing four out of five young men hit by their guns.

The only survivor is receiving treatment at the hospital, while four others were confirmed dead on arrival at the same hospital.

According to sources, the suspected bandits, who attacked the area, around 7p.m. on Friday, came on motorcycles, and were dressed in military uniform. They reportedly shot sporadically at some

houses in the area.

Meanwhile, the Police Spokesperson in the state, Henry Okoye, has confirmed the incident.

Okoye said that the state Commissioner of Police, Aboki Danjuma, has deployed tactical security operators from the command to beef up security within the vicinity, and arrest the attackers.

In a statement he issued, yesterday, Okoye, said: "The Commissioner of Police, Imo State Command, CP Aboki Danjuma, has condemned in totality the gruesome murder of four young men at Abacheke community in Ohaji Egbema by gunmen

who were dressed in military camouflage and has deployed the Command Special Tactical Squad to go all out in synergy with other security agencies and clamp down on the hoodlums responsible for the senseless act of violence."

The statement explained how the incident happened, according to information available to the command: "On 8/03/2024 at about 1830hrs, the hoodlums swiftly attacked Abacheke community in their numbers, riding motorcycles and firing sporadically during which five residents were seriously hit. In a swift response, the Area Commander-in-Charge of

Ohaji Egbema and other tactical teams mobilised to the scene, and the victims were immediately rushed to the hospital, where four were confirmed dead on arrival, while one is currently receiving medical treatment at the hospital. Intense operation is ongoing in the area."

The spokesperson said that normalcy had been restored as investigation was ongoing, stressing: "While normalcy has been restored in the area, a comprehensive investigation is ongoing to fish out the hoodlums responsible for the dastardly act and make them face the full wrath of the law."