

Lebanese, Eight Others Killed In Rivers

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Gunmen suspected to be militants Friday shot and killed a Lebanese and wounded two others in

Isiokpo, the headquarters of Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The killing came just as fresh communal clash in Gokana local government

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area of Rivers State reportedly claimed seven lives.

The victims who were said to be staff of a construction company were being taken to work by a Nigerian driver when they were attacked along the Airport Road.

The construction site is said to be at Aluu, near the University of Port Harcourt.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Felix Ogbaudu, confirmed the attack and said one of the Lebanese died on the spot while the driver and one other person were seriously wounded by the militants.

Sources in Ogoniland told our correspondent that fighting started when people

from Mogho discovered the body of a woman from the community with her head and private parts cut off.

The sight reportedly angered the Mogho community who suspected that the killers were the neighbouring Bodo community.

As a result, Mogho people reportedly mobilised and set houses in Bodo on fire, forcing residents to flee.

However, a counter-attack from Bodo is said to have led to heavy fighting between the two communities with both sides sustaining heavy casualties.

Ogbaudu who also confirmed the incident said anti-riot policemen had been deployed to the area.