

# News

## Again, four shot dead in Bayelsa

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Ahead of the forthcoming governorship primary of the Peoples Democratic Party on November 19, Bayelsa is now under sporadic gun shoot-outs leading to the killing of some persons in the state capital, Yenagoa.

No fewer than four persons were, again, on Wednesday evening gunned down by yet-to-be identified gunmen near the major Ekeki Motor Park along the dual carriage-carriage Mbiama-Yenagoa Road, Yenagoa.

The killing of the four men is coming barely four days after a suspected cult group traced some members of its rival group to a drinking bar at School Road in Edepie suburb

of Yenagoa and shot dead five persons with several others sustaining varying degrees of injuries in the shoot at about 7:30pm.

When our correspondent visited the scene of the shooting at about 6:45pm on Wednesday shortly after the incident, the lifeless body of a young man in a pair of jean trousers and T-shirt, was seen lying in the pool of his own blood at the southern gate of the Ekeki Motor Park, which connects the popular Azikoro Road.

Men of the Joint Task Force and the Ekeki Divisional Police Station had taken over the vicinity even as they ordered passers-by to hands-up as they walked past.

The corpse of the young man was evacuated by the

police at about 7:05pm and driven away.

Residents, shop owners and other business operators around the area immediately closed their gates and shut down businesses with most motorists and commuters diverting through the Azikoro Road to the Isaac Boro Expressed Way to find their way home.

Eyewitnesses said the unknown gunmen had blocked both ends of the U-turn of the Ekeki Motor Park axis of the Mbiama-Yenagoa Road before they swooped on their targets, whose identities remained unknown as at press time.

A mid-week encounter between the Ocean Boys and Sunshine Stars of Akure had earlier ended 2-2 at the Sampson Siasia Sports Complex.