

Gunmen Kill Father Of Three In Repeated Attacks In Delta

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There were panic and confusion in Okuokoko Community in Okpe Local Government Area of Delta State, following the killing of a middle-aged man by armed gunmen.

It was gathered that the gunmen repeatedly attacked residents of Freshville area of Okuokoko where the deceased also lived on Saturday night and it caused panic and confusion among residents all through the night until they later returned around 4am on Sunday.

Reliable sources in the area told journalists that the deceased was murdered during the first attack which lasted for over 30 minutes.

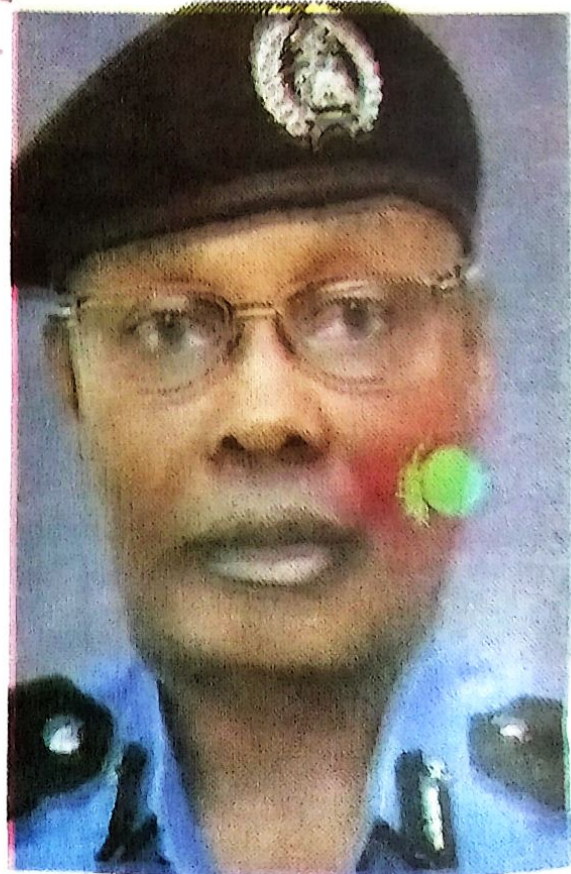
According to the sources, the deceased who was in his early 40s and father of three, was said to have been shot when the armed-wielding gunmen broke into the compound where he lived.

The sources who don't want their names in print, explained that "the hoodlums operated unchallenged in the first attack, shooting sporad-

ically and thereby causing tension in the neighbourhood.

They launched a second attack at about 4 a.m. but were repelled by local security personnel guiding the area. No casualty was recorded from the second attack.

"The gunmen stormed the area through the fence of the permanent site of the Petroleum Training Institute (PTI), Effurun, which is overgrown with weeds. That same area has been under constant attacks by the same group of gunmen who regularly scale the PTI fence to harass and rob residents of the area.



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