

Robbers Invade Imo Community, Kill 1 As 7 Perish In Auto Crash

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① A suspected gang of armed robbers yesterday invaded the expansive Amaji Ubachima community, Awo mmama in the Oru East council area of Imo State and killed one Mr Ajaerie Obidiegwu, leaving several others seriously injured with bullet wounds.

An eye witness told the LEADERSHIP Friday that the hoodlums stormed the popular Obidiegwu family and some neighbouring communities in a commando-like operation and demanded a reasonable undisclosed sum of money.

However, apparently infuriated that the money made available to them was not up to what they had expected from the hapless victims, they shot one on the leg.

According to the eye witness, Mr Obidiegwu, who was shocked at the

barbaric treatment meted to one of the victims, passionately pleaded with the robbers to spare his life and to shoot him on the leg just as they shot others but his pleading fell on deaf ears as they pumped several bullets on him and he died instantly.

Efforts to confirm the story from the PPRO in the state, DSP Andrew Enwerem failed as his mobile phone was switched off.

② Meanwhile, a fatal road accident which occurred at Ugwu Okitankwu Emekuku, on the ever busy Owerri-Umuahia road, Owerri North council area claimed seven lives while others seriously injured are now receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital in Owerri.

A Mitsubishi bus with registration No. Ebonyi AFK 122 X AC and a tipper lorry with registration number Rivers XS 456 PHC collided as the bus attempted to overtake the tipper.