

Gunmen Kill Vigilante, Raze Monarch's House In Delta, Imo

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Gunmen have killed a member of the vigilante group at First Marine gate quarters, Warri South local government area of Delta State.

The victim, identified simply as Wilson, was killed in the early hours yesterday by the invading gunmen.

In Imo State, fleeing gunmen

yesterday set ablaze the palace of Eze Ugonna Iriele, the traditional ruler of Ogberuru community in the Orlu local government area of Imo State.

The gunmen carried out the attack during the wee hours of yesterday.

In the Delta incident, the gunmen engaged the community vigilante group in a gun duel during which some members of the vigilante team fled due to the superior

firepower of the attackers.

The corpse of the deceased, covered with a white cloth, remained by the roadside at the scene of the incident for several hours in the morning while passersby and residents caught a glimpse as of the time of writing this report.

A source said the gunmen came to rob the estate but were resisted by the vigilante which provoked the gunmen to open fire on the members of vigilantes.

Another eyewitness confirmed that Wilson was just unlucky, "he was making a phone call in which the gunmen felt he was making a contact to other security men to inform them about the presence of the gunmen and he was shot immediately" he stated.

The state command's public relations officer, DSP Bright Edafe, when contacted said he has not been briefed but promised to get back.