

Militants invade Rivers community, kill chief

THE sleepy Emelogo community in Abua/Odual Local Government Area of Rivers State was at the weekend jolted by attack from suspected militants.

The suspected militants, numbering about 30 who invaded the community at dawn, killed a prominent chief.

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It was gathered that the militants came into the community in two speed boats from a neighbouring village in Bayelsa State and demobilised an MTN mast to prevent the people from calling in security operatives.

They shot sporadically, sending people scampering

in different directions. In the process, the chief identified as John Ake was killed while the militants took their time to rape women and cart away goods and properties.

Eyewitnesses said that the development has sent fears into the minds of the villagers, some of who have fled the community for fear of fresh attacks by the hoodlums.

The town, it was learnt, has no access road hence the natives have to pass through Yenagoa, the capital of Bayelsa State, before going to Port Harcourt.

Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs Rita Inoma-Abbey, could not be immediately reached for confirmation of the attack at the time of this report.