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An innocent youth of the community, whose identity could not be ascertained as at press time was, however, unlucky, as he was gunned down by the rampaging gunmen and he died on the spot.

Indigenes and residents of Taabaa are now living in fear and called on the newly-posted Rivers Commissioner of Police, Dan Bature, and his men, to apprehend the gun-wielding youths and prosecute them, to serve as a deterrent to others.

A source in Taabaa said: "The gunmen entered into Taabaa, shot sporadically and killed one youth, as they moved to the palace of the traditional ruler, where they riddled his palace and his cars with bullets.

"It looked like an assassination attempt, but the gunmen narrowly missed the traditional ruler. A young man was badly injured in the palace. Other occupants of the palace and residents of Taabaa had to scamper to safety outside the community."

The Deputy Speaker of the Rivers House of Assembly, Leyii Kwanee, who is an indigene of Taabaa, when contacted on phone, condemned the invasion of the peaceful community and noted that if the trend was not quickly halted, it would portend danger, ahead of the 2015 elections.

Kwanee, who represents Khana constituency 2, described the incident as "very disturbing," and urged the commissioner of police to see the ugly development as a test case, for which thorough and immediate investigations must be ensured, to identify the gunmen and their sponsors, who he said must be prosecuted.

The deputy speaker also admonished the newly-inaugurated Caretaker Chairman of Khana LG council, Gordon Tornwe, to complement the police's efforts, in order to quickly unravel the mystery behind the invasion.

The Rivers Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Muhammad Kidaya Ahmad, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), was contacted for his reaction to the invasion and if any arrest had been made, but his line was not available.

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