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Man killed in Rivers community

From Precious Dikewoha, Port Harcourt

GUNMEN killed a man, Uche Agboh, in Ubima, Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State yesterday. Uche (35) was murdered after the gunmen traced his brother to their compound but did not meet him.

Women, especially widows, and young men have relocated from the community.

Chief Michael Dike-woha, one of the kingmakers, was among the persons allegedly targeted for killing.

Speaking on his ordeal, Dike-woha said: "The gunmen came to my house, shooting sporadically. I was helpless; I ran into one of the rooms started calling relatives, friends and the police.

"I thank God that I am alive. I also want to thank the police for responding to my calls, I don't know who wants me dead, the gunmen operated for more than three hours shooting sporadically."

Police spokesman Ahmad Mohammad could not be reached for comments.

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THREE persons have been hospitalised, following a confrontation

between members of Erhoike community in Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State and soldiers from 222 Battalion in Agbarha-Otor.

It was gathered that the community was protesting an oil spill, which devastated their means of livelihood.

Sources said the confrontation followed the soldiers' refusal to allow the people protest.

They said the soldiers shot into the crowd and allegedly molested protesters.