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Kidnapping spree has continued unabated in coastal communities of Bayelsa State.

The Enewari community in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area was the latest destination of gunmen whose activities created panic among the residents.

The bandits were said to have abducted three women and in the process killed a young man in the community.

The slain man was said to have incurred the wrath of the abductors when he tried to foil the devilish operation.

The gunmen numbering six were said to have stormed the community on Tuesday in two speedboats.

The women were reportedly kidnapped in a community market amidst many gunshots.

Traders at the market were said to have abandoned their wares and ran to different directions for safety.

The deceased man, whose identity couldn't be determined was said to have been gunned down when he attempted to raise the alarm to thwart the kidnap operation.

The kidnapers were said to have whisked their victims away on a speedboat to an unknown place.

A member representing Southern Ijaw Constituency III, Mr. Daniel Igali, confirmed the incident on the floor of the state House of Assembly while moving a motion under a matter of urgent public importance.

He described the invasion of Enewari community by the gunmen as a worrisome development.

He said the recent upsurge in kidnapping and other violent crimes in the state were creating fear adding that members of the state House of Assembly may not be safe to visit their constituencies.

The motion was supported by Gentle Emelah representing Yenagoa III; Mr. Ebiye Tarabina

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