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Gunmen kill 15 in Rivers market shooting

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Three gunmen have killed 15 persons and injured several others at a market in Agbonchia, Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The gunmen, who rode motorcycles on Saturday night, shot indiscriminately at the people, especially youths at the motorcycles' washing section of the busy market.

The incident caused a pandemonium in the area.

The residents ran to safety but the 15 were killed in the melee.

Witnesses told our reporter yesterday that the casualty figure was high because the people at the market thought the gunmen were there to wash their motorcycles.

The people were taken aback when they saw the gunmen shooting at close range.

It was gathered that after the shooting, the youthful gunmen escaped on their motorcycles.

Police spokesman Muhammad Kidaya Ahmad, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), confirmed the incident.

He said the command had arrested a suspect, adding that he was being interrogated.

The spokesman said investigation had begun into the incident.

Ahmad said five persons were killed in the shooting, adding that the police preliminary investigation showed that the incident was an attack by a cult group.

The police spokesman assured that the fleeing gunmen would be apprehended and prosecuted to serve as a deterrent to other criminally-minded persons.

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