

Already, people are fleeing the Udu/Orhumworun areas of the state following relentless attacks by knives, machete, broken bottle and cudgel-wielding cult gangs and armed robbers. The notorious groups have killed and maimed several people, as reported in *Niger Delta Report* of October 2.

2 Mrs Omamurhomun Ukana, one of the latest victims of violent robbery in that area, was killed on her way home on Thursday, September 10. She was stabbed on the back, head and neck and bled to death shortly after the attack.

A similar fate was visited on Mr Ogheneruona Oyibo, a staff of a state broadcasting outfit, who was lucky to survive with lifelong physical and psychological scars.

Residents of the areas blamed the parlous security

"Since he assumed the regularly security that used to be held in the Governor's Office in Warri, has stopped. The lack of government in these areas. The are filling the void left by the government's absconding duty," a source said.

Recall that before inauguration, the government reportedly vowed to clear Warri. Although Chief Okowa debunked that he is yet to attend any function at the Warri nearly five months after the government.

A security source told on condition of anonymity that the cause of security near the usual government to security agencies have stopped, ostensibly due to paucity of funds.

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