

On September 18, unidentified gunmen gunned down a member of a vigilante group in Omoku town. The victim was attacked along Palace Road, Omoku town. Two days later, two mobile policemen were murdered during a gun battle with hoodlums at Ikiri area of Omoku Town in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area. Two others who sustained bullet wounds were rushed to an undisclosed hospital in the state for treatment.

In the early hours of Sunday, September 24, an Army officer, whose name was identified simply as Loveday, stabbed a father of five, Mr. Linus Sunday, to death after the victim pleaded with him not to engage in a fight with the boyfriend of his (suspect) sister.

The late Linus, who was residing at No. 42 Chindah Street, off Ada-George Road in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State, died on his way to Braithwaite Memorial Specialist Hospital (BMH) after a few hours at Life Forth Hospital where he was first attended to.

On September 25, six persons were killed in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area, following a resurgent cult clash in the area. It was gathered that cultists suspected to be members of the Greenlanders had invaded two communities in the area, Okposi community in Iburu clan and Obagi in Egi clan. On September 28, unknown gunmen abducted two nurses, Mr. Awaji-Owa Ntendeng Hebron and Mrs Nwikina Felicia who were under the employment of Erema General Hospital in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area.

It was gathered that Mrs. Nwikina, who was brutalised alongside the colleague escaped from the gunmen bleeding seriously. The source said Nwikina told them that the gunmen had thought that because she was a woman, she would not pose any problem to them, so they treated her with levity, but she escaped from the forest to their chagrin.

In October, exactly on the 4th day, unidentified gunmen killed a chieftain of the APC, Mr. Boris Neenwi in Yeghe community, Gokana Local Government Area of Rivers State. The deceased Neenwi, a former councillor who represented Yeghe community at the Gokana legislative assembly, was murdered at night.

On October 5, an officer of the Rivers State Police Command was killed in Borokiri, Port Harcourt City Local Government Area. An eyewitness, Mr. Bright Wenedah, told The Nation that the two police officers were attached to the Anti-Terrorism Unit of the command.

While the state government was doing everything within their power to curtail the spate of criminality in the state, on October 2, gunmen attacked the Rivers State Amnesty Programme Committee, led by the chairman Mr. Kenneth Chinda, at Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State. It was gathered that the team had resumed duty in ONELGA before they were ambushed by suspected cultists in the area.

On October 15, four persons were killed and several houses burnt down in an attack said to have been carried out by rival cult groups in Akporo-Sogho community, Khana Local Government of Rivers State. The authority of Khana Local Government Area confirmed the attack in Akporo-Sogho community, saying it was the handiwork of suspected cultists.

On the 24th of the same month, two people were killed in Omoku town in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area as cultists engaged in fresh battle for supremacy. A source in the area who pleaded anonymity said the victims were Mr. Ndu Tom and Ladi Simeon. The victims were killed in their apartment in Obohia area in Omoku town by the gunmen suspected to be cultists.

On October 30, two youths were killed and beheaded when armed men stormed Kono community in Khana Local Government Area of Ogoni, Rivers State. The killing took place in the night when the armed youths invaded the community, shooting sporadically. It was gathered that the gunmen suspected to be cultists were on the trail of their rivals in the community.

On November 17, an official of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Sophia Philips Horsfall, was murdered by his boyfriend. Mr. Sotonye Martin and two others, Innocent Oluche and Wachukwu Ugochukwu, were arraigned before Magistrate Z. O. Alikor of Rivers State Magistrate's Court 2 for their alleged involvement in Philips Horsfall's murder. The victim, who was popularly known as Sophia, was stabbed to death after the suspect discovered huge sums of money in her bank accounts. She was buried on December 24.

On November 19, unidentified gunmen abducted the principal of Kalabari National College (KNC), Mrs. S. Damiete, in Buguma, headquarters of Asari-Toru Local Government Area. She was kidnapped at about 7.30 pm by unknown gunmen. But she was later freed after days in kidnapers' den. On November 28, there was tension in the Port Harcourt metropolis in Rivers State when the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Intelligence Team engaged a four-man armed robbery gang in a gun battle, killing three. The incident took place at the UTC junction.