

**T**HERE was panic yesterday in Bonny and Oyigbo local government areas of Rivers State as suspected gunmen and herdsmen invaded the communities and left seven people dead at the end of the attacks.

The gunmen reportedly stormed Otobie and Ererekiri in Bonny Local Government Area of the state killing four persons including the father of the Executive Director, Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency, (RSSDA) Amasenibo Lawrence Pepple.

It was gathered that many others sustains various degree of injuries during the attacks.

The victims include, Kobiri Godspower (M) 25yrs, Elder Macauley Oweibo Manilla Pepple (M) 76yrs, Emelia Godspower (F) 15yrs, and Adolphus Hitler Pepple (M) 73yrs.

A community youth leader in the area, Mr. Felix Hart, said the attack started at about 11:PM on Thursday and continued till 5: AM on Friday.

The Chairman of Bonny Council, Hon Simon Em-

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manuel Hart, also condemned the killing of members of the community, describing it as an act of wickedness.

The chairman who spoke through the Council Secretary, Lady Helen Jack-Wilson Pepple, called on security agents to investigate and ensure the attackers were apprehended to face the full wrath of the law.

The bereaved RSSDA boss, Amasenibo Lawrence Pepple, appealed to the angry youths, and grieving members of the community to remain calm.

He advised the youths to maintain law and order, noting that police and other security agencies were making every efforts at ensuring that the perpetrators were made to face the full wrath of the law.

Two persons were also reported to have lost their lives and seven suspects arrested after suspected Fulani herdsmen attacked Afam Uku community in Oyigbo Local Government Area of the state.

At the time of filing this report, the reason behind the at-

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