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Police confirm murder of five persons in Rivers community

THE Rivers State police command last night confirmed the killing of five persons in Okomoko community of Etche Local Government.

The incident reportedly took place at the weekend.

The victims all males, were said to have been beheaded and their bodies thrown inside a river in the community.

Killers of the victims are yet to be identified. However, sources say they

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strongly suspected members of a local vigilante group, known as OSPAC.

But the spokesman of the police command, Nnamdi Omoni, a deputy superintendent of Police said those behind the killing are yet to be identified.

Omoni said: "Five persons were shot dead in Etche.

"We have recovered five

corpses this (Monday) evening. They were killed by yet-to-be identified gunmen, though people were insinuating that OSPAC members were involved, we should not begin to guess in this type of situation.

"Investigation has been ordered by the police. So, at the end of the week, we will begin to know the real identities of the killers.

"The attack happened on Sunday and it spilled over

to today (Monday) The community said it is OSPAC, but OSPAC does not have the right to kill. But we are still investigating to know the circumstances surrounding the killing.

"Some of the bodies were recovered from the river. They were attacked on Chokocho bridge. Some of them were shot and they fell into the river. Some of the bodies have even started decomposing," he said.

Court remands ex-policeman for 'killing' truck driver

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