

Gunmen kill six in Rivers communitiesMike Odiegwu, Port Harcourt

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Six people have allegedly been killed by gunmen suspected to be cultists in Gwara and Kono-Boue communities, Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State.

A source said the gunmen numbering about seven stormed Gwara Community in the morning killed three people and left unchallenged.

He said later that day, the bandits invaded a neighbouring Kono-Boue community and killed a commercial motorcyclist and two of his passengers.

The Public Relations Officer, Community Development Committee of Kono-Boue, Nwibakpo Golden confirmed the incident and said some villagers had taken refuge in the bush.

He said: "This afternoon gunmen invaded Gwara Community, killing about three persons. They went into Kono-Boue, killing three too. A motorcycle rider and the persons that were with him were killed.

"They were coming from Thanksgiving when they ran into the gunmen and were shot dead," he stated with bitterness.

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Golden said he called the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Bori Division, but the hoodlums fled before he could get to the area.

He said the absence of a functional police station and the bad road in the area had worsened the security situation there.

He said: "Some residents are hiding in the bush. The way they (gunmen) came, they were not looking at anybody. They were just shooting.