

Gunmen behead one, kill another in Imo shootout



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Gunmen killed two persons on Saturday at Afor Enyigugu in Aboh Mbaise Local Government Area of Imo State.

The gunmen, who arrived the market around 8.45pm, shot sporadically, killing one person believed to be a northerner and beheaded the second person.

A source told *The Nation* security operatives from Aboh Mbaise Division Police Station engaged the hoodlums in gun battle with assistance of the youths in the area.

The source said: “Contrary to what was dished out as heavy shooting that boomed at about 8.45pm, yesterday, there were only two gunshots from suspected unknown gunmen. One of the victims, a northerner died on the road to Owerri while being taken to the hospital.

“The other one, a northerner too, was beheaded-the bandits made away with the head.

“Since morning, series of meetings had been held with the Hausa Community here in Enyigugu and they have been assured of their safety even they agreed with us that it was not our fault.”

He said the remains of the beheaded man had been taken to Owerri for burial.

[Imo](#) Police spokesperson, Henry Okoye, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, confirmed the incident.