

# Gunmen storm Delta community, behead chief, kill six others

**T**HERE is palpable tension in Ase-Omuku, Ndokwa East LGA, Delta State after unidentified gunmen invaded the community, beheaded a community leader, Chief Okwudili Obi, and killed six other persons.

Ase-Omoku Youth President, Mr. Victor Enebeli, who spoke to reporters yesterday, condemned the killings, describing them as barbaric and inhuman.

He added that whatever differences in opinion exist among the indigenes of Ase Umoku community, it should not lead to the killing of fellow indigenes.

He said: "At 11:00 hour on Wednesday, 08/02/2023, the gunmen went to the house of one of our leaders at Umutu because he was their prime target."

"But when they could not get him because he was not at home, at about 3:00 am, some dissident community members led the gunmen into the community and started shooting.

"They shot for almost one hour, killing a community leader, Chief Okwudili Obi, and cutting off his head.

"They also killed one other young man while a stray bullet hit a 13-year-old boy with the mother, killing the boy while the mother is in the hospital."

He commended the soldiers attached to Sterling Energy Exploration and Production Company (SEEP CO) for their prompt intervention.

He said: "As the gunmen were fleeing the community, they shot a policeman dead at Ashaka and also shot at two soldiers and an army major in Kwale."

"The army major has been confirmed dead.

"Fortunately, the gunmen's vehicle developed a fault at Ashaka and they abandoned the

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vehicle.

"Three other injured persons, who the gunmen shot thinking they were dead, are in the hospital.

"The gunmen actually went to Breman Hospital by the Kwale roundabout to kill the injured people who were receiving treatment

there, so as to remove all traces.

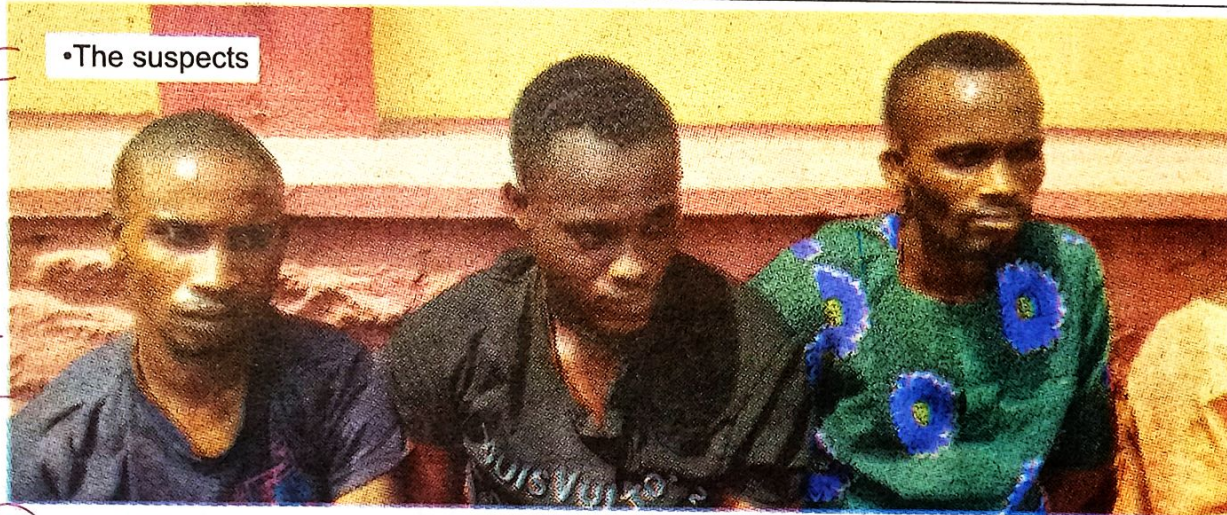
"Unknown to them, there was a military checkpoint there, and they shot the major and another soldier."

The Public Relations Officer of Delta State Police Command, DSP Bright Edafe, confirmed the beheading of Chief Okwudili Obi, adding that three persons were injured in the attack.

He said he did not have any information on the killing of an army major.

Edafe said investigation into the matter was ongoing.

•The suspects



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that fateful day.

He said while the robbery was going on, Oreoluwa and the couple's adopted son, Felix