

Assailants kill three ASEPA persons in Aba



Our Reporter

- Police begin manhunt



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Three persons suspected to be employees of the Abia State Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA) were yesterday afternoon killed by unknown assailants in Aba, the commercial nerve centre of Abia State.

The incident, our correspondent gathered, occurred at the popular SAMECK junction along popular Faulks Road leading to the Ariaria International Market.

One of the deceased persons was identified as Stanley Ejike while the identities of the others were still unknown at press time.

The deceased, who were operating in a commercial shuttle mini bus, many said, were illegal revenue agents.

The incident, it was gathered, forced many shop owners to close business to avoid possible mass arrest by the police.

Narrating the incident, a shop owner on Faulks Road said: “We were here selling our goods when some hefty men dressed in black attire approached some people in a small bus, and before you could know what was happening, they used either knife or axe to hack them to death and dismembered their body parts.

“At first, it was alleged that the people inside the bus were police officers in mufti.

“Another account said the people in the small bus were touts who go after traffic offenders.

“Everywhere went chaotic. People left their shops and ran away as no one could understand what the issue was.

“The killers were dressed in black upon black. We couldn’t go close to see if there could be any means of identifying any of the said persons.

“The bodies of the deceased were evacuated by the police team and other security agents that arrived the scene much later.

Reacting to the ugly development, the Abia State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Geoffrey Ogbonna, identified the deceased persons as staff of the Abia State Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA) said to be on duty in the area.

According to Ogbonna, “they were identified as ASEPA staffers who were on duty in the area in a mini bus.

“They were attacked by men suspected to be cultists, but the name of their cult group is not yet known.