

2 Youth leader killed in Rivers community

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G UNMEN suspected to be cultists have killed the Youth President of Abarikpo community, Ahoada East Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The victim, Ebenezer Matthew, was reportedly murdered in his family house, at Akoh Kingdom, Wednesday night.

6 The incident occurred less than three months after suspected cult gang raped and killed one Mrs Chigbewejim Lawyer, a Pastor's wife, also in the same Abarikpo.

Spokesperson of the state Police command, Grace Iringe-Koko, a Superintendent, confirmed the incident, adding that the police had identified the criminal gang behind the crime.

A community member, Ekeakita Chinem, said the victim was shot in his father's compound.

He said: "Yes, it is true that Comrade Mathew Ebenezer was shot dead yesterday (Wednesday) night in his home town, in his father's compound. The only thing I know about Matthew is that he never condoned illegality.

"He is somebody that has been standing firm, fighting against cult-ists and their nefarious activities in the community."