

2 Panic as hooded gunmen kill three during village invasion

THREE villagers of Agbada Nenwe, Aninri local government of Enugu State have been killed by masked gunmen, who invaded the community.

The victims, it was learnt, included Hillary Uche, a popular dealer on block and cement at Orié Agu, Emulemoke Agbada Road; one Kingsley, a machine parts dealer at signboard area of the village and another young man, known as FM.

The incident, which happened Saturday morning, saw the gunmen locating the deceased in their houses and shops and killing them.

While Kingsley and FM were said to have been dragged out from their homes in Amagu Agbada Nenwe to the village square, Hilary was said to have been killed in his shop at Orié Agu.

It was further gathered the hoodlums set a house ablaze after a futile search for another target.

The killings had thrown the community into panic.

A source in the village said:

From Damian Duruiheoma, Enugu

"My brother, some unknown gunmen entered my village and brought out Kingsley and FM and dragged them to the village square where they killed them.

"Nobody knows who the people are. Some came in motorcycles while some of our people said some of them came in a vehicle.

"Everyone is afraid of going out. There is panic everywhere. This kind of thing has never happened before here.

"One of the persons they killed, Mr Hillary, was shot three times in his shop at Orié Agu Nenwe. The unknown gunmen wore masks, suggesting they may have come from around us here."

Police spokesman, Daniel Ndukwe, confirmed the incident, and said a manhunt had been launched.

He said: "Investigation and manhunt operation are underway to fish out the yet-to-be identified hoodlums said to have shot and killed three male victims..."