

# Gunmen kill four in Anambra

Fear has gripped Anambra residents again, as gunmen return to the state, killing four persons in two days including former President General of Amansea Community, Chief Cajetan Nwokike.

The three other unidentified victims were killed Thursday in Awka capital city, including an unnamed park manager.

Some of these killings are being attributed to alleged cult wars in Awka, but some residents who spoke with The Nation Thursday said it's the return of gunmen.

The killing of the former

■ Nwanosike Onu, Awka ■

Amansea community PG in Awka South Local Government Area was another assassination of a community leader in the state, in less than two months.

It will be recalled that the President General of Umuoji, Idemili South Local Government Area Chief Silas Onyima was killed about two months ago. He was buried last weekend.

Nwokike's killing was revealed by Omife I. Omife, the National President of the Association of Past Presidents-General of Anambra State, in a

statement on Friday.

According to him, the victim was fatally shot by the assailants while performing his customary morning prayers (breaking the kola nut) in his residence in Amansea.

The gunmen, said to be two young men, entered his home and mercilessly shot him at point-blank range, resulting in his instant death.

The statement read in part, "The Association of Past Presidents-General of Anambra State (APPAS) has expressed deep concern over the escalating violence and urged Governor Soludo and law enforcement agencies to

spare no effort in apprehending the perpetrators responsible for these heinous acts.

"The community is reeling from the loss of another esteemed leader, emphasizing the urgent need for swift and decisive action to bring the culprits to justice and restore peace to the state."

Though the state Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Ikenga Tochukwu's phone was not available at the time of filing this report for confirmation, a senior police officer in the state confirmed the deaths to The Nation.