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Gunmen kill nine people near UNIZIK

NINE persons were yesterday killed by gunmen in Awka, Anambra State.

The incident happened around 10am at Ifite-Awka, behind the school gate of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK).

The Nation gathered that the assailants stormed the area in two vehicles and started shooting randomly.

Though, an eyewitness described it as a cult war. But

From Nwanosike Onu, Awka

their operational mode, according to a source, showed that of the Biafra agitators

The source also, told The Nation that bullets hit many other persons in the process.

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer, Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the incident

He said a team of officers had gone to the scene.

Ikenga said: "Preliminary information shows that the armed men unprovoked start-

ed shooting sporadically and some bullets fatally hit four persons in the area and were rushed to the hospital for aid by the police operatives.

"Also, some empty shells of bullets have been recovered at the scene. Meanwhile, operations are ongoing in the area and further details shall be communicated," he said.

Meanwhile, the command said it had begun investigation on some viral videos and voice notes threatening violence in the state.

Ikenga said: "The Police Command not taking those clips for granted and saddled with the responsibility of maintaining law and order shall live up to its mandate of ensuring that no person or group of persons is allowed to infringe on the fundamental human rights of others.

"Recall that the Command in the past has arrested some persons involved in such acts of making videos and voice notes to cause tension, and panic to distract the peace of Ndi