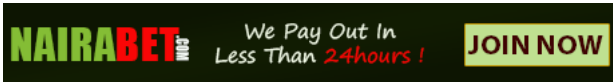


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FOUR persons were killed by unknown gunmen in three separate attacks in different parts of Rivers State, between last Thursday and Saturday.

The attacks were carried out in Ogale, Bomu and Elele communities of Eleme, Gokana and Ikwerre local government areas of the state.

It was gathered that two persons, Lekia Nzeregbara and Fred Teedom, were shot dead by the yet-to-be identified killers at Ogale community and Bomu Town, in Eleme and Gokana local government areas between Thursday and Friday nights, respectively.

Chairman, caretaker committee of Gokana Local Government Area, Austin Sor, confirmed the two incidents to newsmen in Port Harcourt, the state capital.

He condemned the killings and called on the police to launch an immediate investigation into the killings.

"On Thursday, Mr Lekia Nzeregbara was gunned down at Ogale in Eleme Local Government Area. His death is one too many to mention. We totally condemn that.

"Shortly after that, at about 6.30 or 7.00 p.m, a youth leader, Mr Fred Teedom, from Bomu and was also shot dead.

"I know that, like I was told that those that shot him are these cult boys from that community. We also want the Nigerian Police and other security agencies to conduct their investigation and ensure that the culprits are brought to book," he said.

Also, unknown gunmen killed two persons and kidnapped another one after they attacked a compound at Elele community, at around 8.00 p.m. Saturday night.

A senior police officer at the Elele Divisional Headquarters confirmed the incident, as he said efforts were being made to track the perpetrators of the act.

However, when contacted, Rivers Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ahmad Muhammad, simply said: "I can't confirm, because I don't have such report."

The landlord of the victims, who confirmed the incident in a telephone interview, said the assailants were dressed in all black outfits, with a tinted car to carry out the evil act.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, he said the gunmen were yet to make any contact with the family as of the time of this report, adding that the whereabouts of the kidnapped remained unknown.

"Some gunmen, who were dressed in black, invaded my compound in Eleme community last night (Saturday) around 8.00 p.m. and shot sporadically. They came in a tinted vehicle and they were dressed in black.

"They killed two persons and kidnapped another one. They (the victims) are all my tenants. I don't know why, but you are aware of what is going on in Rivers State presently," he said.

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