

Militants sack Akwa Ibom fishing communities

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SCORES of people around some fishing communities in Uruan Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State have been reported killed while several others were displaced following attacks by suspected militants and

sea pirates.

The incidents, described by some local residents as 'perennial,' occurred in the riverine communities of Uruan, including Akwa Akpa Uruan, Ebiet Ette and the adjoining community of Ayadeghe in Itu Local Government Area of the state.

Lamenting the ordeal

suffered by his people, the member representing Uruan in the House of Assembly, Honourable Aniekan Bassey, told lawmakers at plenary that properties worth millions of naira were destroyed while dozens were either missing or killed during the attack.

Fishing gears, including

outboard engines, boats, cash and other valuables, according to the lawmaker, were carted by the invaders from neighbouring Creek Town, Ikot Offiong and Ikoneto in Odukpani Local Government Area of Cross River State.

The lawmaker, who presented a bill for a law against

such excesses, appealed to members to accelerate deliberations and passage of the bill in view of the current travails of his people.

He lamented that the invaders also razed down the only primary school in the community, thereby disrupting teaching and learning and the future of the young

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