

# 2 Gunman kills eight in Imo community

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EIGHT persons have been shot dead by a gunman said to be terrorising Mmahu Egbema community, headquarters of Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State.

The suspect, reported to be an escapee of the Imo Correctional Centre, had

stormed the community from a nearby bush and started shooting sporadically at people.

The youth president of Egbema community, who identified himself simply as Romano, told the **Nigerian Tribune** on Tuesday that the suspect, who is from the community, had been terrorising the community since his escape from the correc-

tional centre.

He said the community had invited security operatives in a bid to apprehend him to no avail.

Romano added that the incident, which occurred on Monday night, had thrown the community into mourning.

He said until the latest attack, the suspect had killed three persons and escaped into the bush after commit-

ting the crime.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Michael Abattam, said the command was already aware of the incident.

Although he did not confirm the number of casualties, the police spokesperson said investigation to unravel the circumstances surrounding the killings had commenced.