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## Gunmen invade Imo community, kill seven security guards, injure two others

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GUNMEN, on Monday night, invaded Umuafofom community of Orogwe in Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State and killed seven local security guards on duty and left two residents of the area injured.

According to a source from the community, the gunmen, who came in two vehicles and a bike at about

9 30p.m., took the guards unaware and shot them at separate locations.

It was gathered that while four of the guards were said to have been shot dead at a building not too far from a hospital, the other three were shot at a new building in the area called Corpers' lodge.

The source further disclosed that two residents of the area were attacked while trying to escape the

onslaught of the gunmen.

One of the victims, a commercial motorcyclist, was shot in the leg and was dispossessed of his bike..

He is said to be receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Owerri, while the other victim was hacked with a machete.

Meanwhile, there is panic in the community following the attack, with some residents already relocating.

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When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Mike Abattam, confirmed the incident.

He, however, said he could not ascertain yet if those killed were security guards.

Abattam added further that the police were already on the trail of the suspects.

In another development, the police in the state have arrested two suspected robbers in Owerri.