

Gunmen kill Ebubeagu commander in Ebonyi

• 2 killed as gunmen invade APC meeting

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SUSPECTED gunmen have attacked and killed one Charles Nwankwo, who is the Commander of Ebubeagu in Ogboji Ward, Ezza North Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

The gunmen, according to a source in the area, stormed the house of the Ebubeagu

commander around 1:00 a.m. and shot him dead. The source added that the gunmen carted away his motorcycle and gun.

“Charles Nwankwo is Ebubeagu commander in Ogboji Ward, Ezza North Local Government Area. Gunmen visited him in his hometown in Ogboji community and shot him dead, collected his

motorcycle and gun and ran away,” the source said.

Ebonyi State Commander of Ebubeagu, Friday Ujor, confirmed the killing, adding that he was yet to get full details of the incident.

The spokesperson of the state police command, Chris Anyanwu, could not be reached for comments.

He did not take calls or reply

to text messages sent to his phone numbers.

In a related development, two persons have been reported dead following the invasion of the All Progressive Congress (APC) members’ meeting in Ebonyi State by unknown gunmen.

Sunday Tribune gathered that the attack occurred on Friday night at MkpumaAkpa-

takpa village in Izzi Local Government Area of the state.

According to sources, the attackers stormed the venue of the meeting on motorbikes and immediately opened fire on the gathering out of which two persons died, while several others sustained varying degrees of injuries before being rushed to the Alex Ekwueme Federal University

Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki for treatment.

As of press time, efforts to contact some stakeholders proved abortive as they failed to answer their phone calls, even as residents claimed that the APC governorship candidate for the state, Francis OgbonnnaNwifuru, hails from the attacked local government.