

Hoodlums kill 18 people in Imo communities

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HOODLUMS have killed 18 people in coordinated attacks across several communities in Orsu Local Government Area of Imo State.

The killings, which occurred on Sunday at Umukabia, Eziawa, Ihitte Nasa, Umuhu, Amaoku, and Amaebe communities, saw the victims inflicted with machete wounds.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the attacks followed the annual masquerade festival

celebrated in Umuhu, Amaoku, Amaebe, and neighboring communities.

It was gathered that after the festivities, some locals, including holiday returnees, had gathered at a drinking joint for celebration.

Later on, passers-by discovered that nine persons in the joint, including customers and attendants, were seen lying in the pool of their blood with machete wounds.

A source, who pleaded anonymity, said that all nine per-

sons were discovered dead, having been hacked with machetes all over their bodies.

The source added that while three corpses were discovered in Umukabia, consisting of family members, five corpses were discovered in Eziawa village, another five corpses were discovered at Ihitte Nasa, all with machete cuts on the same day.

The same source said that the killings were suspected to have been carried out with inside collaboration with Orsu

Boys, who are members of the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) and Eastern Security Network (ESN).

When contacted, the Imo State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Henry Okoye, confirmed the killings and said investigations were already underway.

Okoye said the police are aware of the killings, adding that the Commissioner of Police, CP Aboki Danjuma, had set up a security team involving different security agencies to unravel the case.