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# Gunmen murder Belgian

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A foreigner was on Saturday murdered in Ekpan, Uvwie Local government Area of Delta State- in a yet-to be ascertained circumstance.

Although the Delta State Police Command said investigation into the matter had begun, our correspondent could not ascertain if the fate of the expatriate was connected with the prevailing insecurity in the Niger Delta.

The deceased (name withheld) was a Belgian. He was

an employee of a Sapele-based asbestos and roofing sheet manufacturers, Eternit Nigeria Limited, before his tragic end.

The murder of the Belgian coincided with the killing of three bandits in Asaba, the state's capital by of the anti-robbery squad of the command on Saturday.

It was gathered that the police foiled the attempt by an eight-man gang to rob a first generation bank in the town.

The policemen, who responded to distress calls,

chased the hoodlums and killed three of them and arrested one, who was fatally injured.

Four members of the gang, which had earlier raided a filling-station at Okpanam Junction, and injured two policemen, however escaped with varying degrees of gunshot injuries.

Items recovered from the fallen bandits were one AK 47 gun, 173 rounds of ammunition, a chief revolver pistol, a double barrel pistol and AK 47 magazine.