

Police kill two gunmen in Rivers community

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Two unidentified gunmen were killed in a gunfight with the police at Iriebe in Oyigbo Local Government Area of Rivers State on Wednesday. It was learnt that the police stormed the community after receiving a distress call that some gunmen had invaded the town and were attacking some Hausa residents with machetes.

Our correspondent also learnt that the hoodlums had stabbed one person before the arrival of the police.

Janet, a hair stylist, operating around School-to-Land in Oyigbo LGA, said she was about opening her shop when she saw people running helter-skelter.

She said, “I noticed that something was wrong. So, I rushed into my car and drove back home. I later learnt that somebody was stabbed by some youths. I don’t know if the person died or not.”

Another source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told our correspondent in a telephone interview that some residents had fled the community.

Spokesman for the police in the state, Nnamdi Omoni, said the hoodlums had earlier attacked some people with machetes.

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Omoni said the gunmen opened fire immediately they sighted the policemen, adding that the gun battle that ensued claimed the lives of two of the gunmen.

He said, “We recovered an English revolver pistol, about six live ammunition and a long machete. There was a clash between these boys and the Hausa community. The boys were attacking people with machetes.”

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