

Gunmen kill police officer, five others in Delta

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A policeman and five others have been reportedly killed by yet-to-be-identified assailants in Delta communities.

The policeman and one other person were said to have been murdered in Eku communities, Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State.

According to a source from the community, the two were ambushed at a police checkpoint in Eku, on Saturday by gunmen.

Also, four persons were said to have been killed in university community, Abraka by cults.

Our correspondent learnt that fear had enveloped the university community as the groups vowed to unleash more terror on the people.

Meanwhile, the Chairman, Ethiope East LGA, Mrs Faith Majemite, has imposed a curfew on both Abraka and Eku communities, pending the return of peace.

In a statement on Sunday, Majemite called on the youths to channel their energy into productive ventures and shun violence.

She said, “Following the recent breakdown of law and order and as a result of breach of public peace by some cultists and criminals in Abraka and Eku, whereby four persons have been killed with a threat to instill more mayhem in the university community, coupled with the brutal murder of a mobile policeman and a civilian at a police checkpoint in Eku last night by unknown persons, it is pertinent to, as a matter of urgency, with the approval from the state government, impose a curfew from 9pm to 5am with immediate effect, on Abraka and Eku communities, pending when the security situation improves in order to safeguard lives and properties of our citizens.”

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, said investigation was ongoing into the killings.