

Gunmen kill vigilante commander in Rivers

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Gunmen in Bori, Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State, have trailed and shot dead one of the commanders of a local vigilante group, the Khana Security Planning and Advisory Committee.

The deceased, identified simply as Saro, an indigene of Luawii community in the Khana LGA, was shot on Tuesday in front of the Bori main motor park by his assailants.

A member of the vigilante group, who simply gave his name as Christopher, said the deceased was on his way to the park to board a vehicle that would convey him to Port Harcourt when he was accosted and gunned down.

He added that a few minutes after Saro left the barracks for the motor park, gunshots were heard and when his colleagues rushed to the scene to investigate, they discovered him lying in a pool of his own blood.

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Christopher said, “Yesterday (Tuesday), one of our commanders, who was with us at our barracks, decided to go back to Port Harcourt in the evening and as he was moving to the motor park, opposite the main park, the next thing we heard were gunshots.

“So, we tried to get to where the shooting happened and when we got there, we saw Saro lying down and he said some people shot him.”

Christopher added that some eyewitnesses revealed the identities of the assailants to them.

He stated, “Some people, who witnessed the incident and identified the people, said the name of the boy, who shot Saro, is Stanley and that he was with his friends.

“The people said they saw him with an AK-47; he was the one who shot our colleague.”

When contacted, the spokesman for the police in the state, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the incident, adding that Commissioner of Police, Joseph Mukan, had ordered an investigation into it with a view to unravelling the perpetrators and bringing them to justice.

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