

Rivers cultists storm funeral, behead vigilante leader, guest

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RESIDENTS of Okpo, Ogbakiri community, in the Emuoha Local Government Area of Rivers State, have been living in fear after gunmen suspected to be cultists invaded the community and killed the leader of a disbanded local security outfit, Ikechi Wordi.

PUNCH Metro learnt that a man, identified simply as Princewill, was also killed by the hoodlums during the attack.

A resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the commander of the outfit, known as OSPAC, was beheaded by the cultists.



• Rivers CP, Mr Friday Eboka

The source explained that the cultists stormed a funeral and shot continuously for several hours, adding that

mourners and residents ran helter-skelter to avoid being hit by stray bullets.

"The gunmen came from outside the community and shot Ikechi Wordi, the leader of OSPAC in Ogbakiri.

"There is panic; some people are leaving the community, while some are still in town. One Princewill was also murdered," he added.

A spokesman for the state police command, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the incident.

He said, "I can confirm that two persons were killed in a fracas this afternoon in Okporo-Ogbakiri; that is all I can say. But I was told by the Divisional Police Officer that when they got the distress call, they immediately mobilised men to the scene. But on arrival, they didn't meet anybody. They only saw two corpses. They removed the bodies and took them to a mortuary.

"The CP has ordered an investigation and our men are there to ensure that there won't be reprisals. So far, we have been able to restore normalcy."

in Delta hotel

gone to change. We checked, but we didn't see her until we drew the attention of the hotel to the incident.

"The pool attendant was not there when the incident happened. When the pool attendant came, he refused to enter the water. No one could see the bottom of the

the Central Hospital, Warri.

The Manager of Manuex Place Hotel, Benie O., confirmed the incident, but declined to give details.

The acting Police Public Relations Officer, Delta State, DSP Bright Edate, also confirmed the incident.

Court recommends vigilance