

Gunmen kill vigilante over Delta land dispute, police identify suspect

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A vigilante, identified as Chukwuwike Alawo, has been killed by gunmen over a land dispute in Ogwashi-Uku, Asaba, Delta State.

It was learnt that the disputed land area covered the Admiralty University of Nigeria, which had been in contention between

Ogwashi-Uku and Ibusa communities over the years.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the gunmen, who stormed Aboh-Ogwashi around 10am on Monday, shot indiscriminately at villagers.

The Okwabani of Ogwashi-Uku Kingdom, Jude Obidi, confirmed the incident.

He said, "This morning (Monday), I got a call from the

head of the vigilantes and chairman of land recovery that people came with a bulldozer to the bush and the moment the gang saw them, they fled.

"He said the hoodlums abandoned a bag containing guns, which I asked him to take to a police station. On their way to the station, the hoodlums reinforced and came in three vehicles and started shooting indiscriminately.

"Another call I received from them was that the people

shot Chukwuwike dead. The head of the vigilantes, Nnamdi Nwaebonnor, and many others were injured."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edeke, confirmed the killing, adding that efforts were on to apprehend the assailants.

He said, "The information at my disposal is that hoodlums attacked a vigilance group, killed one and injured another. The person that led the attack is one Ekene Bright Ugbaja and he is on the run."