

Gunmen raid Akwa Ibom community, kill three, steal PoS machine

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Akwa Ibom State Commissioner of Police, Amiegheme Andrew

At least three persons were killed on Tuesday in a cult attack on Inen community, in the Oruk Anam Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the victims were killed in their houses.

An eyewitness, Johnson Akpakpan, told our correspondent in Uyo that the hoodlums visited the house of one Mrs Etuk, who was attacked last year but rescued through the intervention of the state governor's wife, Dr Martha Emmanuel.

They were reported to have killed her stepson and escaped with his brand new motorcycle.

He said the cultists proceeded to the residence of one Elder Jumbo, where they killed their second victim before gunning down the third victim and making away with a point-of-sale machine.

Another eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the killings were cult-related, adding that the hoodlums came from a neighbouring council.

"I cannot establish whether the group is Debalm or Iceland confraternities. But we are suspecting that they are not robbers. If they were robbers, they would have collected the motorcycle, money and PoS machine without killing the victims.

"We are shocked that cultism has returned to our community after the whole village was deserted last year because of cult-related killings.

"We are living in fear now; nobody knows what will happen next," he added.

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The Chairman of Oruk Anam LGA, Kingsley Frank, said security agents had been mobilised to restore peace in the area.

Confirming the incident in an interview with journalists in Uyo, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Odiko Mcdon, said there were conflicting reports on the number of casualties.

"There are conflicting reports concerning the number of victims. But as a command, we have commenced investigation to avert more killings.

"We are out to establish the cause of the incident. We are determined to ensure that the culprits are brought to book," he added.