

# Gunmen kill two vigilantes in Delta community

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**G**UNMEN on Friday in Sapele area, Sapele Local Government Area of Delta State killed two members of a vigilance group in the community.

*Sunday PUNCH* gathered that the incident which happened on Thursday night led to burning of tyres along the major streets at Amukpe by angry youths in protest of the continued insecurity in the town.

An eyewitness account noted that a Venza car intercepted a Hilux van of the vigilantes at the Amukpe motor park area and its occupants started at those in the Hilux van.

The eyewitness said, "The driver of the Hilux, in an attempt to evade the gunfire, tried to escape but rather ran into the pole of one of the streetlights along the road. The hoodlums drove to where the Hilux van was stuck and started shooting the occupants, killing the Amukpe vigilance group Chairman identified only as Mr Glory and the other occupant whose name was

given as Mr Gift. The youth are angry over the situation and the insecurity in the town. Since Friday till Saturday, they still blocked the road."

Another witness who also spoke on condition of anonymity said the Venza car was among the ones seen at community road and NDDC road the night residents of the area were robbed.

"It may be that while the hoodlums were escaping from the robbery scene, they met the vigilantes and attacked them," he said

As of the time this story was filed, vehicular movement around Amukpe had stopped and youths continued to block the road, setting bonfires on the road in protest.

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Bright Edefe, confirmed the killing, adding that it was a robbery incident.

"Yes, it was a robbery incident, the two vigilantes were killed by robbers and investigation is ongoing to arrest the perpetrators."

Also, the Local Government Chairman, Mr. Eugene Inoaghan, said the culprits would be

brought to book and assured residents that the Police will soon restore order in the troubled areas.



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