

Anambra community protests death of five in revenue collectors' invasion

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LANDLORDS and residents of Okpoko community in Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra State said they were presently living in fear over incessant midnight raids on their homes, allegedly by operatives of the state's Anti-Tout Squad.

They claimed that the operatives, armed with guns and other dangerous weapons,

had in the last two weeks, been raiding their various homes in the middle of the night in a bid to forcefully enforce payment of revenues for the Anambra State Waste Management Authority and the Anambra State Environmental Protection Authority.

About five persons were reportedly killed last Thursday, along the Obodoukwu Junction, near Okpoko community, when stray bullets from the operatives of the Anambra State Anti-Touts Agency, allegedly hit them, while some youths were protesting the 'imposition of illegal levies' on the community by the operatives.

Sources in the area had told South-East *PUNCH* that the anti-touts operatives opened fire on the protesting youths, and were shooting sporadically in an effort to scare the protesters.

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