

# Armed robbers raid A’Ibom newspaper, murder security guard

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Fear has gripped residents of Information Drive, in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State as armed robbers on Friday night invaded the state newspaper company, publishers of the Pioneer Newspaper and killed one of the security guards, Mr Edet Obot.

*PUNCH Metro* reports that the hoodlums who stormed the premises of the newspaper at around noon also carted away other valuables including a generator, televisions and wire cables.

Though the General Manager of the newspaper, Mr Umoette Umoette, could not pick up his calls to comment on the development when our correspondent called him on Monday, a source within the newspaper corporation confirmed the development while speaking on the condition of anonymity with *PUNCH Metro* in Uyo.

The source expressed sadness over the death of the security guard, adding that it seemed the robbers had help from within the premises.

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“It’s a very sad development to all of us here, and the most unfortunate is that the security officer who was shot dead by the criminals was not even a staff member of the newspaper. This cannot happen without an insider’s collaboration,” he said.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, ASP Timfon John, when contacted, confirmed the incident, adding that the command was aware of the development.

The PPRO said, “We are aware of it and on top of the situation.” She did not give any specific idea of what actions were being taken by the police to unravel the perpetrators of the act.