

When, late last year, Caesar appeared to have ceased fire and the people thought that all was well and went home for the Christmas celebrations, they got what they did not bargain for. In what appeared to be a bad New year gift, people of the community woke up on the morning of January 6, 2013 to discover that a prominent son of the area, Prince Irooke and two of his security guards had been gruesomely murdered and two of his daughters abducted, courtesy of Caesar and his gang. 24

Saturday Sun gathered that the hoodlums, numbering about four, had stormed the compound of Irooke at the Amamba area of the community, and allegedly killed two Bakassi Boys who were security personnel attached to the man before gaining entry into the inner chambers of the house where they equally shot him dead.

Irooke, in his 70s, was reported to have taken part in the last Ime Uche ceremony (retirement from active communal service) of the community held in December before he met his death.

Following the incident, a dusk to dawn curfew was imposed on the community while its major entrances were cordoned off by security personnel as vehicles were not allowed in or out of the community before 6.00 am and after 6.00 pm.

Palpable fear pervaded the community, as some people, who went home for the Christmas