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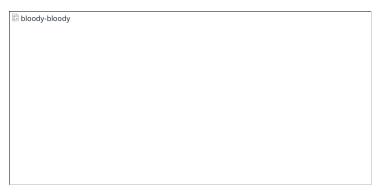
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Gunmen yesterday killed five men in Deeyor, an Ogoni community in the volatile Gokana Local Government Area of Rivers State. This is even as the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Chief Wogu Boms, has been declared persona non-grata while being suspended by the Port Harcourt branch of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

The gunmen attacked from Deaken, a neighbouring Ogoni community also in Gokana. Deaken and Deeyor were said to have been involved in lingering community crisis.

Gokana local council Chairman, Chief Donatus Dadom, who said that he was just inaugurated two days ago, confirmed the report. According to him, the victims came from other communities to buy bread usually brought from Eleme every Thursday when they were attacked and five of them killed by the armed men.

The Commissioner of Police, Dan Bature, confirmed the killings, saying that Deeyor and Deaken have been in dispute for a very long time. Although details were still sketchy, Bature assured that he had dispatched mobile policemen to the effected communities to avoid a reprisal.

Meanwhile, the decision to suspend Boms was taken yesterday at about 3pm. It was confirmed during the general meeting presided over by the branch Chairman, Dennis Okwamkpan, held at the Ministry of Justice, Port

Part of the resolutions reached at the meeting were: "That, the Rivers State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Hon. Worgu Boms, is hereby declared *persona non grata*.

"That, Rivers State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Hon. Worgu Boms, is hereby suspended from all the activities of NBA, Port Harcourt branch, for the time being.

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