

# Again, gunmen kill Igbo trader in Cross River

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**TRAGEDY** again stuck the Igbo community in Cross River State as one of their prominent sons, Mr. David Eleke (64), was killed by yet-to-be-identified gunmen in Ogoja Local Government Area of the state.

This is coming barely four months after two Igbo businessmen, Chinaka Michael (48) and Francis Akanihu (57), were assassinated at Ogoja and Obudu local government areas, respectively. They were killed at their homes, after huge sums of money were collected from them.

Eleke, a native of Ohaozara, in Onitcha Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, was shot dead at his residence in Ikaptang village within Igoli axis, in Ogoja.

An eyewitness account revealed that the deceased was killed about 1am last Friday. According to him, the hoodlums, numbering over seven, first stormed the victim's shop, from where they took him to his house, where some cash was collected before he was shot dead.

The account said: "After the assailants abducted the man from the shop, they used the deceased's handset to contact his five children, who were not at home at the time of the incident.

"When they discovered the children were not at home, they took him to his house, where they demanded the money, which he was said to have collected a few hours before they struck."