

Gunmen kill 4, injure others in Imo market

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GUNMEN continued their spate of killings in Imo State as they took passersby and traders at Anara community in Isiala Mbano Local Government Area of the State by surprise, killing four at the scene, while several others were said to have sustained injuries.

The incident, which occurred at about 10pm, on Tuesday, caused a serious panic as the people at the scene attempted to scam-

per for safety and injured themselves in the process.

An eyewitness told Daily Sun that the armed hoodlums stormed the popular Anara market in a Sienna vehicle and opened

fire, killing three people on the spot, while another hit by their bullet died a few minutes later at the hospital where he was rushed for treatment.

"The gunmen were in

a white Sienna vehicle. As they arrived at the market, they just opened fire and shot some people dead, and several others were wounded from the gunshots; I saw three people dead on the

spot," the eyewitness said.

When contacted, the Imo State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, Mike Abattam, could only confirm the death of three of the victims.

Drug war: Why fine option must be removed from NDLEA Act -Marwa

By Emma Njoku

CHAIRMAN/CHIEF Executive Officer of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Brig. Gen. Mohamed Buba Marwa (ret'd), has strongly advo-

cated the removal of the option of fine for convicted drug offenders from the agency's Act.

The NDLEA Act is currently undergoing amendment in the National Assembly, and Gen. Marwa believes

that expunging the option of fine for drug offenders would strengthen the deterrence from drug related crimes.

He stated this in his remarks, while defending the 2022 NDLEA budget proposal before the Sen-

ate Committee on Drugs and Narcotics, chaired by Senator Hezekiah Dimka.

In a statement by the NDLEA Director, Media and Advocacy, Femi Babafemi, yesterday, Gen. Marwa said though he had visited the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, Justice John Tsoho, on the issue of ri-