

# Gunmen invade Enugu community, kill 3, kidnap woman, daughter

From **Fred Ezeh**,  
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**GUNMEN** on Saturday, invaded Mgbuji village in Eha-Amufu, a community in Isi-Uzo local government area of Enugu State, and kidnapped the wife of Eugene Edeoga, a close ally of the Enugu State governor alongside his 11-year-old daughter.

Eugene Edeoga is the brother of the Commissioner for Environment in Enugu State, Honorable Chijioke Edeoga.

The gunmen were said to have also picked three more people on their way out of the community whom they later killed for, possibly, not cooperating with them.

A member of the family who pleaded anonymity confirmed that the gunmen visited the house

located around old Eke market, around 9pm on Saturday, met the woman and her daughter in the kitchen and took them away through the Kitchen door and finally through broken part of the perimeter fence to unknown destination.

The family member also confirmed that lately, Eha-Amufu in Enugu State, had been invaded by unknown enemies, who have been kidnapping people and killing

others who might have contested with them.

The family member, however, confirmed that the kidnappers have contacted the family and requested for N100 million as ransom, but discussion was still ongoing with the kidnappers.

An indigene of Eha-Amufu, Onyeka Ebe, confirmed that NNPC pipeline area, along Eha-Amufu-Obollo Afor-Nsukka road has been notorious for kidnapping and

the criminals have made the place their major operating area.

He said: "These unknown gunmen have kidnapped several people along that road and made away with them through the NNPC pipeline, and some have been killed."

"Shortly before the Christmas, some people including a Reverend Father were kidnapped. It took the Grace of God for them to be rescued after ransom was paid. "On the New Year eve, some people were also attacked and killed by the unknown assailants along Eha-Amufu-Nkalagu road. Eha-Amufu that was known for peace and development has become a place of concern for us."

Meanwhile, one of the members of the vigilante group, the Neighborhood Watch, who pleaded anonymity said they went in search of the abductees as early as possible when the news got to them.

He said: "We have searched the entire farm settlements in Agu-Amede, Ape, Mgbuji, Orokoro communities and other areas that we suspected, and the abductees were not found."

He, however, suspected that something is wrong in Mgbuji community and only the people would talk to themselves and resolve the issue.

"Obviously, some elements in Mgbuji community of Eha-Amufu have been plotting this terror and disunity for whatever reason. These issues of insecurity are only being recorded in Mgbuji community out of over five villages in Eha-Amufu. It's a source of concern for us."

## Kaduna: Bandits kill 5, injure 1

From **Noah Ebije**,  
Kaduna

**NO** fewer than five persons have been killed by bandits in Igabi and Zangon Kataf Local government areas of Kaduna State.

A statement by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan said, "security agencies have reported to the Kaduna State Government that four people were killed, and one injured, during an attack by bandits in Kerawa, Igabi LGA."

"According to the report, bandits attacked the village, shooting sporadically, and killed four residents."

"Mallam Mamuda, was left injured, as the bandits carted away some motorcycles and supplies from the community."

"In another incident, armed bandits attacked commuters along the Ungwan Rimi-Afana road in Zangon Kataf LGA."

"Joshua Kawu, sustained gunshot injury in the chest, and was rushed to hospital, where he was unfortunately

confirmed dead.

"Governor Nasir El-Rufai received the reports with deep sadness, and conveyed his sincere condolences to the fami-

lies of the citizens who were killed in the attacks across the two local government areas. He wished the injured person a speedy recovery as he com-

miserated with the attacked communities.

"Security agencies have sustained and intensified patrols in both general areas".

## Mkpuru Mmiri: Man kills 2 brothers, 3 others in Ebonyi

From **Wilson Okereke**,  
Afikpo

**A** young man, Chekwube Nnamani, has allegedly hacked his two siblings, Ekenechukwu and Afamefula, popularly known as "Spirit" and three others with machete at Mgbalukwu Isuokoma in Onicha Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

Though the suspect is still at large, Police authorities have blamed his action on the influence of methamphetamine popularly called Mkpuru Mmiri. Our reporter who visited the area was told by a man who spoke under anonymity that the incident happened on December 20, 2021, barely a week after the suspect had returned home from Abuja.

The man further disclosed

that before the incident, Chekwube had complained about his missing memory card to some of his family members and kinsmen, but could not wait for them to take action over his complaint before he suddenly grabbed a cutlass and killed Ekenechukwu, and Afamefula, in their sleep.

According to a resident, the suspect extended the mayhem to the neighbourhood where he allegedly killed a father of two, Ogo Njom, another man, Mr. Sukwe and a lady whose identity has not been ascertained.

Another resident who also spoke on the condition of anonymity, said: "When Chekwube came back from the journey, we did not notice any abnormality in his dealings, because I can recall that

before the problem, the man was interacting and associating with the rest of his peers in the village."

"But to our chagrin, on the fateful morning, we were woken from our sleep by the screaming and wailings emanating from the man's family house."

Chekwube had on seeing the magnitude of the havoc, reportedly took to his heels and is yet to be found as at press time.

Commissioner of Police, Ebonyi State, Aliyu Garba, who spoke through his spokesperson, DSP Loveth Odah, frowned at the attitude of the people of Mgbalukwu Isuokoma, for failing to identify the suspect or provide the police with useful information that could lead to his arrest.