

Scores killed, houses razed as gunmen attack Ebonyi community

From **Chijioke Agwu, Abakaliki**

GUNMEN yesterday, attacked Ohaogelode community in Izzi Local Government Area of Ebonyi State killing many people.

Daily Sun gathered that, at least, four people were killed and over five houses burnt by the unknown attackers.

The community is said to be a neighbouring community to Effium, in Ohaukwu local government area, which has been involved in an intra communal crisis.

The crisis in Effium, which is between Effium and Ezza-Effium, has claimed many lives and led to many Ezza-Effium people taking refuge in the Ohaogelode community.

Chairman of Ohaukwu local government area, Clement Odah, who confirmed the incident, described it as unfortunate.

He said: "Ohaukwu Local Government Council has received with concern, a report of the unfortunate incident at Ohaogelode Village, in Ishieke

Community.

"The Council condemns the incident in strong terms and reassures all that no stones will be left unturned to unravel the true circumstances that led to such avoidable loss of lives and properties.

"Council has initiated a spirited and discreet investigation to unveil the perpetrators of the act and ensure that justice is done.

"Our heartfelt sympathies goes to all the affected families and our beloved brothers

from Ohaogelode village. Council re-affirms that both Ishieke and Effium communities have lived in peace as brothers from time immemorial, and this peace must not be tampered with.

"The government of Ebonyi State, under our peace loving governor, has worked assiduously to restore peace in the entire State, and all hands must be on deck to achieve the task of a peaceful Ebonyi state, where love and unity reigns supreme.

Again gunmen raze Imo A

From **Stanley Uzoaru, Owerri**

AFTER razing the country home of Imo State Attorney General and Commissioner for justice, Cyprian Akaolisa at Obibi Awo - Idemili in Orsu Local Government Area of Imo State, gunmen again on Saturday night returned to set fire on one of his houses again and that of his aged father.

This time around, according to the commissioner, the hood-

lums showed no mercy as they reduced the houses to rubble.

Confirming the incident, Akaolisa accused his Igbo brothers for being responsible for the arson on his house and that of his father's.

Akaolisa who wrote on his Facebook wall said "The Igbo are hardworking people who through their years of toils put up structures and leave developmental strides in their communities of Origin maka.

"Through my many years of