

2 feared dead as cultists invade Rivers community

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Gunmen suspected to be members of a cult group have invaded a community in Rivers State and allegedly shot six people.

Daily Sun gathered that two out of the six persons shot were feared dead.

The cultists invaded Ikem Community in Etche, Etche Local Government Area of the state on evening of the Tuesday, under heavy gunfire.

The information on the invasion was sketchy as at the time of filing the report. But, it was gathered that the cultists had shot many persons.

It was further gathered that while two persons were feared dead, that four other of the victims were in a critical condition.

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A community source, who pleaded anonymity, disclosed that efforts were made for police to rescue the situation, but there was no security presence.

The source said the cultists operated freely for over two hours and left freely in spite that a police Division stands 10 minutes away from the community.

However, the Public Relations Officer of the state Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, a Superintendent of Police (SP), reportedly had confirmed the attack.

She was quoted as saying the District Police Officer in the area had mobilised to the scene to find out the situation of things.

She noted that the DPO upon completion of visit would make report of preliminary investigation known.