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Tension in Delta as suspected IPOB gang kills four

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There was uproar in Asaba, the Delta State capital yesterday as gunmen unleashed terror on Hausa / Yoruba settlement, popularly called Cable Point, and killed four persons.

The attack, which occurred around 12am on Saturday morning was suspected to be fallout of the impasse between the Federal Government and the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), which generated tension among inhabitants of the locality.

Inhabitants of the troubled area, which shared boundary with the River Niger in the neighbouring Anambra State, have started relocating to the inner parts of Asaba metropolis for fear of reprisals.

The attackers, who allegedly shot sporadically into living rooms before killing the four persons, were said to have invaded the area with guns, clubs, battle axes and machetes.

It was also gathered that an explosive device gave way at the popular Abraka Market, adjacent the Asaba-Onitsha expressway, near the Asaba End of the

River Niger, thereby creating fears in the Hausa / Yoruba settlement.

Alhaji Muhammed Bashiru, who said he narrowly escaped being killed by stray bullets, said the attackers communicated in Pidgin English throughout the operation.

The source said an explosive device was detonated in the River Niger. "A bomb landed around our Mosque at Cable Point but a brave Hausa man picked it and threw it into the River Niger before it exploded."

Another survivor, who simply identified herself as Mama Mulika, said one of the attackers hit her with a stick before gaining entrance into their apartment.

When contacted on phone, the Commissioner of Police in the state, Zanna M. Ibrahim, who confirmed and consoled those affected, said his men have been mobilized to the area to forestall break down of law and order.

Meanwhile, the Delta Police Command said it has arrested two suspects, namely, Abraham Ndudi, a 24 year old boy from Kwale, Delta State and Okereke Ifeanyi, a 21 year old boy from Ogbaru in Anambra State over their

involvement in the shooting and killing of four persons at Abraka market.

The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Andrew Aniamaka, in a statement said the suspects, who were arrested from their hiding place on the ceiling of a major hotel in Abraka, Asaba, where they had fled into in their dire bid to escape arrest, are already helping the police in their investigation.

He said, "Efforts are on top gear to arrest the third suspect, whose real name is yet unknown but simply identified as Last Burial."

He recalled how on the fateful day "at about 10.45pm, three armed men, all in black outfits, suspected to be members of a cult group or Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) fired indiscriminately into Abraka market, Asaba, predominantly inhabited by non-indigenes of the state and in the process killed four persons namely: Usman Abdullahi 'm', aged 45yrs, Ali Sidi 'm', aged 70yrs, Ibrahim Zubairu 'm' aged 30yrs and Hauwa (surname unknown), aged 22yrs, and injured five others who are currently recuperating at the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba."