

Gunmen kill vigilante member, 76-year-old woman in Delta community

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There is palpable fear in Ubulu-Uku Community in Aniocha South Local Government Area of Delta State, as gunmen have shot dead a member of the Ubulu-Uku Vigilance group.

Also, a 76-year-old woman, Theresa Okocha, was beaten to death in her house at Agbonta Quarters in the same town.

It was learnt that as at the time of filling this report, members of vigilance group and hunters were combing the bushes in search of

the suspected gunmen.

A community source, Ikechukwu, said, "on Monday, October 9, a member of Ubulu-Uku Vigilance group, Sule, from Isho Quarters, had resumed duty on Ubulu-Uku-Isele-Uku road, but he didn't know that gunmen had laid ambush for him, so as he was changing his clothes, to his officials uniform, a man shot him in his head and he died before help could come."

The killing of Sule angered his colleagues and hunters in the community who went after the gunmen and started combing the bushes in search of the brigands.

"I must confess, Ubulu-Uku is under heavy attack by criminals. Just last week, a man was abducted almost at the same place that Sule was shot. Two weeks ago, another victim was kidnapped. We are on our worse trying moment.

"On the murder of Okocha, she was living alone in her compound, but was found unconscious in her room with bruises all over her body and serious injuries on her face, but she was unable to tell what happened to her."

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of Bauchi State, and to say that what you have done, shown chivalry, character, perseverance and community engagement.

"I want to also thank the Commissioner of Police and other security agencies for ensuring the rule of engagement in this exercise for stamping an authority over it and I will continue to give you support," he said.

The governor said that insecurity was becoming worrisome in the state, and reiterated his administration's commitment to protecting lives and properties in the state.

Mohammed also donated 30 motorcycles and N10 million to

security outfits in the area.

Also, the Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Awwal Muhammad, said the Command would enhance synergy with sister security agencies towards ensuring a crime-free society.

He said that security operatives succeeded in neutralising the bandits and rescued some victims, assuring that the remaining kidnapped victims would be rescued.

Also speaking, Alhaji Jamilu Bawa, the Ward Head of Lere community, lauded the gesture, adding the vigilante would flush out kidnappers and other miscreants in the area.