

Two Shot Dead in Yenagoa

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in Yenagoa

After a lull of three months, suspected cultists yesterday struck once again in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital as two middle aged men were shot dead at close range in a commando-like action. The action took place at about 8.45am. Both victims are from the Governor's senatorial area.

The shooting which took place along the new state House of Assembly quarters at Azikoro village road triggered a pandemonium as people ran for dear lives.

The gunmen, after the killings were said to have started shooting at every moving object in order to make good their getaway.

Although it could not be confirmed if any of the assailants were caught, however, when THISDAY visited the scene of killings, men of the Nigerian Police led by the Divisional Police Officer of the Azikoro Police Station, Mrs. Rita Grean, were seen evacuating the remains of the victims.

Meanwhile the state government has condemned the killings in the strongest terms. In statement signed by the Special Adviser on Security to the state governor, Col. Bernard Kenebai, the government said it was working closely with the security agencies to unravel the perpetrators of the dastardly act in order to bring them to book.

"Governor Dickson is deeply sad by this incident and wish to condone with the families of the deceased. We wish to debunk claims and insinuations that the persons killed are security aides of the governor.

"They are actually repentant militants working closely with JTF, the police and SSS in the entire Niger Delta region and were in Yenagoa working with the security agencies. Their names are British Egena and Orlando Owodo."