

On the identity of the killers, she said, “I do not know the people, my husband was at home, around 10.00 pm when somebody came and called him out, he told me to prepare food for him, that he is coming back to eat it, but he did not come back alive.” Relatives buried the deceased, last Tuesday, at his hometown, Omkpoba, Ibaa clan in Emohua local government area.

Kidnap pastor at Rumuji

Two days after Amadi’s butchery, unidentified gunmen, November 21, abducted a clergyman, Pastor Peter, at Rumuji community, Emohua local government area at gunpoint. They accosted victim, who deals on phone accessories at about 8.00 pm whilst he was returning home after the day’s business. Even after ascertaining that he is a pastor, his abductors demanded for N6 million to release him.

Invade Ozuoba, kill man

Same day bandits waylaid and killed the police officers; a separate gang invaded a home at Ozuoba community, Obio/Akpor local government area and assassinated Mr. Anthony Wede. Assistant Police Public Relations Officers, Rivers State Police Command, ASP Grace Iringe-Koko, claimed ignorance of the incident when our reporter contacted her. She, however, said police would carry out investigation.

School still shut 2 months after kidnap of teachers

At press time, the Rundele High School, Agba-Ndele community, Emohua local government area, shut down two months ago after kidnappers abducted five teachers of the school, October 15, has not re-opened. Five days after the Rundele school incident, kidnappers took hostage a secondary school principal at Elele, residing in Ndele.

On November 8, they seized a female principal and her two children from their home after giving them the beating of their life. It took the payment of N200, 000 ransom before they released the two Under-14 children.

Market women robbed

Last week, robbers commandeered a vehicle conveying women to Elele/Ahoda market and carted away their belongings.

Apprehension

Youths in the four local government areas, which make up Ikwerre nationality under the aegis of Ikwerre Youth Movement, IYM, are disturbed at the rate criminals were kidnapping and killing people. The youths expressed worry over the way hoodlums robbed travelers along Alimini-Emohua axis of East West Road, lamenting that Ikwerre communities have become a criminal jungle.

Leader of the group, Mr. Azubuike Wanjokwu said it was painful that government has not taken any notable proactive measure to bring the rising cases of crime in the area under control even when the governor is an Ikwerre son.

Wanjokwu expressed fear that business activities in the area may ground if government failed to take urgent measures to address the matter.

Daily operation by robbers, kidnappers