

Gunmen shoot teacher dead in classroom

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PORT HARCOURT — **FOUR** gunmen shot dead a senior secondary school teacher, yesterday afternoon, while delivering tutorials to his students at a girls school in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, just as the police commissioner confirmed that he had been informed of the incident.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that the gunmen who came to the school on motorcycles, arrived the premises of Holy Rosary Secondary School at about 2.30 pm, and quietly moved into the compound, behaving like ordinary visitors to the place.

Minutes later, one of the men went into the classroom

and invited the teacher, “for a short message”, following which the teacher, simply addressed as Chief Egba, took permission from his students to attend to the “death call”.

Egba who hails from Ru-

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muekpe, Emohua Local Government of the state, walked towards the men who were standing casually at the end of the classroom block, only to be welcomed with a rain of bullets that fell him instantly.

It has not been unraveled why the man was shot dead at his place of work and even

in a school compound, sources, however, said that it may not be unconnected with community crisis, in view of the many trouble associated with the council area.

State Commissioner of Police Felix Ogbaudu confirmed that he had been informed of the incident, that, “some gunmen shot dead a man from Rumuekpe,” but could not give further details on the murder.

The killing of the man, it was learnt, promptly sent fear into the entire school, causing the authority to ask other teachers to “dismiss the students”, while the corpse of the man was removed by the police, following complain lodged at the station by the school.