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Gunmen kill two policemen in Bayelsa

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YENAGOA—THE peace of the riverine settlement of Okiki in Ogbia local government area of Bayelsa State was in the early hours of Sunday shattered when some unknown gunmen invaded the quiet community killing two policemen.

Vanguard learnt that the Sunday attack occurred at about 4:30 am less than twenty-four hours after the flag off of the PDP governorship campaign where President Umaru Yar'Adua stressed the need for the people of the Niger Delta to give peace a chance as no meaningful development can thrive in an atmosphere of conflict.

Although the reason for the violent assault on the usually serene rural settlement could not be ascertained but a source told *Vanguard* that the hoodlums might have invaded the community police post in search

of arms and ammunition.

The Sunday attack on the hometown of the House Committee Chairman on Information, Culture and Tourism of the state House of Assembly, Hon. Robert Enogha, is coming four weeks after some unknown gunmen carted away the biology practical answer sheets of nine secondary schools in the ongoing WAEC senior secondary school examination kept at the Amassoma police station.

The slain policemen were said to have been shot dead by the invaders who caught them napping before sacking the police post and disappeared into the creek.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack which left the police authorities confused especially at a time the state had enjoyed relative stability following the peace pact between militants and the state government.