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Villagers flee as gunmen invade Delta community, destroy houses

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UGHELLI— GUNMEN, weekend, stormed Uwheru community in Ughelli North Local Government Area, Delta State, vandalising about 12 houses and a car belonging to supporters of a former aide to the governor and Presidential-General of the community, Mr. Clement Osieta.

The gunmen, suspected to be political thugs, were said to have earlier beaten Mr. George Imiti, an elder brother of a councillor in the area, Festus, to death.

Yesterday morning, Over 500 indigenes of the community, the *Vanguard* gathered, had fled into the bush for fear of being attacked by the armed thugs, who reportedly invaded the town at 1a.m.

A source said: “The current mayhem in Uwheru was because the ring-leader of the gunmen was arrested by the police. So the top official wants to stop his prosecution.

“At Egbo quarters, two houses belonging to one Boge Ogbe were vandalised alongside a beer parlour in front of his house.

“Margaret Ogbe’s store was vandalised and the armed youths went away with the N800,000 given to her to keep by her club.

“At Odja, four houses were destroyed. A People’s Democratic Party, PDP, chairman in Uwheru was not spared as his house and Toyota Corolla car were destroyed.

“Also vandalised is Mr Wilson Umukoro’s house; Umukoro is an In-law to Clement Osieta.”