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Gunmen kill two policemen in failed kidnap attempt

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Two policemen were Thursday night killed during a foiled kidnap attempt when armed men attacked the country home of Elder Remember Ogbe, chairman of Southern Ijaw local government area of the state.

Luck, however, ran out on the alleged mastermind of the kidnap attempt, an indigene of Akassa in Brass council area who was arrested by men of the Anti kidnapping unit. The tragic incident occurred at about 8pm when four armed men launched a daring attack on the Amassoma residence of the council boss in the Southern Ijaw local government area.

The sound of heavy exchange of gun fire was said to have caused serious pandemonium in the community as the natives were forced to retire to their homes for fear of being hit by flying bullets.

Though it could not be immediately ascertained if the gunmen were kidnappers or on a mission to eliminate the council boss, Saturday Vanguard however gathered that they met stiff resistance from the policemen attached to his residence.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that one of the policemen, a corporal was killed during gun duel with the armed invaders.

The other slain policeman, according to the source, was not stationed at the chairman's residence but had approached the place on hearing the heavy exchange of gunfire to ascertain what was amiss when he was gunned down by the retreating gunmen.

The official vehicle of the council boss, a jeep, parked at his premises, was reportedly riddled with bullets during the gunfight.

Contacted, the state police public relations officer, Mr. Asanim Butswat, confirmed the attack and the arrest of the alleged mastermind.

"The unknown gunmen treated, but the two police corporals lost their lives due to injuries sustained in the encounter.

"The corpse of the deceased policemen, were deposited at the Federal Medical Centre, Mortuary, Yenagoa, for autopsy.

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