

# One killed as bandits engage police in gun battle in Rivers

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PORT HARCOURT – There was pandemonium in Choba community, Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State, yesterday as over 16 boys engaged men of the Nigerian Police Force in gun battle.



Soldiers and policemen stand at the gate of the state headquarters of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, on March 10, 2019. – Fears has gripped residents of oil-rich Port Harcourt city in Niger delta region as state headquarters of Independent National Electoral Commission has been condoned off by dozens of fierce looking soldiers, anti-riots policemen and other complementary security agents who are jointly patrolling the city ahead of the much awaited results of the just concluded governorship and state assembly elections. (Photo by AFP)

This was happening as one person identified as Shedrack was gunned down in the area by unknown persons, in the early hours of yesterday.

It was learned that the gunmen suspected to be members of a cult group had terrified the policemen with their half nude appearance, wearing only pants.

A source, who did not want his name mentioned in the media, but witnessed the incident, told Vanguard that tension started in the area when the unknown gunmen killed Shedrack.

The source alleged that some bandits had killed their victim and left the area in the morning, adding that there was panic following the development.

He disclosed that the police had mobilised its men to the area to restore peace after the killing, adding that police deployment was in the Choba when the devil minded cultists returned.

The source further claimed that the bandits on returning in the area and sighting the police formation engaged the policemen on the ground in gun duel, adding that shooting lasted for over two hours.