

Gunmen kill police officer in C-River

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A police constable, Etim Samuel, was, Sunday, reportedly shot dead by suspected militants at his duty post at Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, office, Ikot Effiom in Bakassi Local Government Area of Cross River State.



Gunmen

A source, who pleaded anonymity, told Vanguard that Samuel was two months in service as at the time he was shot by the gunmen at about 2:30 am on Sunday.

The source said: “He did not die immediately he was shot, but before the Samuel could get help, he had lost a lot of blood.

“We have heard that the boys were looking for assault rifles and automatic weapons and they decided to pounce on the police officers who were on duty and killed one who fled into the bush in a bid to collect his rifle

“The suspected militants, however, disappeared into thin air and nothing have been heard about them neither have they been apprehended but there is trepidation in the whole community as people are apprehensive because they fear they might come back.”

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Irene Ugbo, who confirmed the incident, said the police officer was on duty when he was attacked and shot to death.

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"He was on duty when some suspected militants came and shot him to death. We want to find out what the motive behind his killing is and we have already started an investigation," the PPRO said.

Vanguard further gathered that a lot of people were speculating that the killing might be unconnected with the just concluded elections but the police debunked it saying that they would unravel the truth as they investigate the matter.

A source at INEC Office, Ikot Effiom, who pleaded anonymity said it had nothing to do with the just-concluded election as there were no longer materials or important items or documents relating to the recently concluded elections.

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