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# Gunmen kill pastor, shoot wife in Enugu community

By Ikechukwu Odu

**T**HE killing of a pastor of Sabbath Church identified as James Ugwu by gunmen suspected to be herdsmen, Tuesday, has created tension in Ebugwu, Ibagwa Ani, Igbo-Eze South Local Government Area of Enugu State.

It was gathered that his wife was also shot in the leg by the suspects.

Vanguard also learned that the suspects ripped open the intestine of another man identified as Benjamin, who is a mason in the community during the attack.

A member of the community, Emenike Oloto, who confirmed the incident to our reporter, said the development has thrown the community into shock.

According to him, "There was an attack on a family in my community yesterday (Tuesday). We don't know who the attackers are and their purpose. One person was shot dead while two others are in critical conditions.

"There is a general feeling of fear and shock in Ibagwa Ani because we don't know who the attackers are and whether

they are coming back."

Another member of the community, who pleaded for anonymity, said he and other members of the community, who visited the herdsmen's camp in the area, were surprised that they have all fled to an unknown destination.

The source added that some vigilantes in the community had been warning the herders to desist from destroying their farmlands with their cattle, which eat up their crops every year, adding that he was shocked by this ugly development.

Other members of the community,

who spoke to Vanguard, expressed fear and called on government to secure the lives and property of the people.

At press time, spokesperson of Enugu State Police Command, Daniel Ndukwe, didn't pick his phone calls nor responded to a text message sent to his phone line concerning this incident.

However, a senior police officer, who also spoke to Vanguard on condition of anonymity, assured that heads of security agents in the local government area were on ground to forestall further breakdown of law and order.

## Siblings kill brother over father's inheritance in Imo

By Chinonso Alozie

**O**WERRI—One Chinonso Azuatalam was reportedly beaten to death by his siblings over the sharing of their late father's inheritance in Okuku, Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State.

"As the process was about to start, a fight started between Chinonso (deceased) and his immediate younger brother, Chibuzor Azuatalam. Chibuzor used a big stick to hit Chinonso at the back of his head and he fell.

"Chinonso was rushed to the hospital where he was confirmed dead. That is how we lost a