

Cultists shoot 6, two feared killed in Rivers community



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Unidentified gunmen believed to be members of a cult group have invaded a community in Rivers State and allegedly shot six people.

It was gathered that two out of the six people shot are feared dead.

The cultists invaded Ikem Community in Etche, Etche Local Government Area of the state on the evening of the 2nd Day of January under heavy gunfire.

At press time, the information on the invasion was a bit sketchy, but it was gathered that the cultists had shot many persons.

It was gathered that while two people were feared dead four other of the victims were in critical condition.

A source in the community, who did not want his name in print disclosed that efforts were made for police to rescue the situation, but that there was no security presence.

The source said the cultists operated freely for over two hours and left freely in spite that a police Division stands 10 minutes away from the community.

The source said: "My Community Ikem Etche under Okehi Division is on fire cultists have invaded the place. Six persons shot, two in critical condition."

However, the Public Relations Officer of the state Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, a Superintendent of Police, said the District Police Officer in the area has mobilised to the scene to find out the situation of things.

She noted that the DPO upon completion of visit would make report of preliminary investigation known.