

Gunmen kill 3 in Ebonyi community

ABAKILIKI—NO fewer than three persons were confirmed dead last Saturday at Akpoha junction, Afikpo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

Vanguard learned that the victims were killed after a heavy shooting by yet-to-be-identified gunmen, said to be heavily armed.

The victims of the attack were identified as Egwu Nicholas Nwocha, Emmanuel Nwocha, a member of the Ebubeagu security outfit, and Inya Blessing Orioma.

After the ugly incident, the

police reportedly took the corpses and deposited them at Mater Hospital Mortuary, Afikpo.

An eye witness said that the four unidentified gunmen came in two motorcycles with sophisticated AK47 rifles and left through the Afikpo-Amasiri road axis of the state.

However, expelled bullet shells from their weapons were seen littered around the scene and were picked by the police for further analysis.

"The situation in Akpoha is tense. Recall that last year, a similar situation occurred and our youths were slaughtered

and murdered in cold blood and the assailants would go without any trace.

"We, the good people of Akpoha call on the government to come to our rescue and mount security posts along Akpoha- Afikpo road to minimize the incidence of killing of Akpoha Youths", an elder in the community lamented.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer of Ebonyi State Police Command, DSP Joshua Ukandu confirmed the incident and said the police had embarked on a manhunt to apprehend the assailants.