



Vigilante member killed, 4 others shot

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....As cultists invade Rivers' community

PORT HARCOURT—
A member of Obele Security Planning and Advisory Committee, OSPAC, has been killed, and four other persons reportedly shot in the community of Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers State, during an alleged invasion of the community by cultists.

This came after the same gang had on Sunday allegedly burnt a house belonging to one Chigozie Woka, a former Councillor of Port Harcourt City Local Government Area Ward 17.

It was gathered that of the four persons shot, only one of the victims is feared dead and has not been seen.

One of the victims, who gave his name simply as Eze, noted that the suspects came on motorcycles on Wednesday night.

Eze claimed that when he noticed strange movements from the invaders, who came on motorcycles, he and his brothers attempted to flee for safety, but that they were shot by the armed men alleged to be led by one Chinanu Eleonu, better known as Naked.

He narrated: "I and my brother were in our house when we heard bike's sound in front of our house. I

stood up and peeped, I saw Naked's boys with guns, I told my brother to run. As we were running, they began to shoot at us. They shot me and shot my brother too. About four people were shot. I have not seen one person up till now."

He claimed that the gunmen who attacked them came from a neighbouring community, Ibaa, adding that the armed men claimed the area they attacked was working against them, the cultists.

Eze said: "Naked is from Ibaa community. He said he is on security surveillance. I am not a cultist. They said that we were giving information. I don't know who I am giving information to."

Meanwhile, the former Councillor in Port Harcourt ward 17, Woka, a native of Obele, whose house was attacked and destroyed by the gunmen, has also accused 'Naked' of being responsible for the burning of his residence.

Woka claimed that the cultists who hail from the Ibaa Community came into their community for hiding, wondering while they have resorted to attacking Obele.

Woka alleged that the said Naked is the reason Obele has been in crisis, adding that his house was destroyed

on allegation that he is working with security agencies.

He said: "Obele has been having crisis because of this young man called Naked. He is not from Obele, he is from Ibaa, he comes to Obele to take refuge. He called me on phone to say I am working with the security agency to chase him out of Obele. I told him I am not working with anybody."

"On Sunday, I was in Port Harcourt, they called me that he (Naked) has gone to my house with his boys. This young man if he is called for profiling as an OSPAC personnel he will not come, he went to my house, they told me he scattered everywhere put the house on fire."

"What was my crime? They claimed that I am working with

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TROOPS conducting combat operations against terrorists, bandits and kidnappers across the country eliminated a total

security agencies and I want them to chase him out of Obele. I have been fighting against this crime. I want Obele to be a peaceful land just like other communities.

"He made Obele his camp, kidnapping, committing all kinds of crimes in Obele. When this thing happens the security agencies will not know who to hold because whenever they come, he will run into the bush."

Woka said he has reported the matter to the Rumuji Police Division, calling on the security agencies to take prompt action.

However, Achor Egberuwho, a youth leader in Omuogbo village, Ibaa, who spoke on behalf of Chinanu Eleonu (Naked) denied the allegation, as he accused Chigozie Woka of sponsoring cultists to attack and kill him (Naked).

"It was Chigozie Woka, who

attacked Naked with his gang. We have been hearing that houses have been burnt in Obele, people have been shot. Naked is an OSPAC member, will an OSPAC kill fellow OSPAC? Do you know that Naked narrowly escaped death on Sunday? Chigozie left his boys inside the bush, they came out Monday evening to kill an OSPAC member as the other OSPAC men escaped."

"So the OSPAC are searching for the killers. No house has been razed down. We call on the public to go to Obele to see if any house was burnt and if any other person was killed except the OSPAC member that was killed by Chigozie and his gang. Chinanu Eleonu did not destroy any house neither did he kill anybody."

Meantime, the Public Relations Officer of the state Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, confirmed the killing of OSPAC member and destruction of the councillor's house.

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of 481 terrorists in October, just as 741 others were arrested.

Troops also rescued 492 kidnapped hostages while oil theft worth an estimated N3.89 billion was denied crude oil thieves perpetrators.

These include 3,226,645 litres of stolen crude oil, 763,860 litres of

nine dane guns, one unexploded RPG bomb, one dummy AK47 rifle, 845 rounds of 7.62mm special ammo, 130 rounds of 7.62 by 108mm ammo, 351 rounds of 7.62mm NATO ammo, 67 rounds of 7.62 x 54mm ammo, 46 rounds of 7.62mm PKM ammo, 27 magazines and the sum of N310,010

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