

Gunmen kill 4, raze houses in fresh attack in Ebonyi

GUNMEN have again killed four people in a fresh attack in Ikembe Ezza Community, Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

The latest attack occurred barely two weeks after a similar incident occurred in Egumkpuma, another Ezza Community in the same council area.

The gunmen stormed the Ikembe Ezza Community in the early hours of Tuesday and set many houses ablaze.

A middle-aged woman, according to a source, was butchered to death while a girl and two children were

burnt alive in their homes.

The victims have been identified as Nwankwo Elum, Ikechukwu Basil, Bridget Nwali, and Ebenezer Nweke John.

There are speculations that the attackers came from Ishiagu, a community in dispute with Ezza Communities in the state.

Some video clips and photographs apparently taken after the attack have been circulating on social media.

One of the video clips showed a woman lying lifeless in a pool of her blood with her face severely disfigured.

A male voice was heard in the background of the

clip lamenting the attack, which he claimed, without evidence, was carried out by a neighbouring community.

The voice further claimed the woman was dragged by her assailants along the bush path from the house to where she was killed near a river.

In another clip, the charred remains of one of the victims could be seen near one of the buildings, which was burnt down by the attackers.

The police spokesperson in Ebonyi State, Joshua Ukandu, told reporters that he was yet to get details of Tuesday's attack.