

Kogi State shot and killed Mr. Awela, m
remains on public display at the State Pol
Lokoja, the State capital. This display
revelry and merrymaking, including celebratory discharge of gunshots
by Police in the State capital. When friends and relations of Awela
approached the Police for the release of Mr. Awela's remains, the Police
declined.

5.1 Human Abattoir: Mass Killings by the Police

Our research found that mass killings by members of the NPF across Nigeria occur quite often. Usually, these go uninvestigated and unpunished. Such killings are sometimes administered as reprisals for perceived infractions against Police personnel or during alleged crime control measures. On February 25, 2008, the Ogaminana community, a settlement near Okene, in Kogi State, north-central Nigeria, was attacked by a contingent of men of the Police Mobile Force. Several media reports described the incident in Ogaminana as a "rampage,"¹⁶⁰ a "reprisal attack,"¹⁶¹ and "a massacre"¹⁶² and that the Police were "said to be avenging the killing of two of their colleagues by hoodlums."¹⁶³ Initial estimates of the people killed in the Ogaminana encounter ranged from 15 to 50.¹⁶⁴ The Police responded by blaming the community for the raid, including the killings and destruction.

On September 17, 2007, Eyeti Ekiebong Enwang—a community in Mbo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, in Nigeria's south-south zone—was similarly attacked by a contingent of over 100 police angered by the reported theft of more than ₦8,000 collected by police from commuters at a roadblock in the community. The attack left at least five people dead and several more missing.¹⁶⁵

Less than one week earlier, on September 11, 2007, Police personnel invited to assist in managing an uprising by prisoners in the overcrowded Agodi Prison in Ibadan,¹⁶⁶ Oyo State, in southwestern Nigeria, opened fire instantly killing eleven prisoners and leaving another sixteen in critical condition.¹⁶⁷ As reported by the National Human Rights Commission following its investigation into the incident:

When the Police arrived, apparently without prop
assessment of the situation, on entrance, they pump
of teargas into the prison and opened lethal fire in
compound of inmates.¹⁶⁸

On September 14, 2006, in the neighbouring Delta
allegedly attacked the village of Afiesere in Ug
Government Area, where two Police officers had bee
At least 22 people were killed,¹⁶⁹ yet an inquest did no
nor were any perpetrators prosecuted for the kill
officers.

In their enthusiasm to eliminate persons suspected to
criminals, Police personnel sometimes commit ma
about August 9, 2006, personnel of the NPF parade
robbery suspects—including a 12-year-old—befor
Central Police Station in Umuahia, capital of Abia S
Nigeria. They claimed to have arrested the suspects
gunfire with the police. Some of those in custody h
and four others were killed during the incident
community in Umuahia North Local Government
Following the parade, the Police summarily execu
deposited their bodies at the premises of the Feder
Umuahia. They claimed that the executed victims
statements before they were killed. On August 17, 20
the Federal Medical Centre arranged a mass burial
bodies of the victims. There were no autopsies or
later organised a press conference at which t
executions.¹⁷⁰

In the second week of July 2006, a joint Polio
summarily executed 14 young men, including a pas
Gideon, at Iyiowa Odoekpe, in Onitsha, Anambra
Nigeria, on the allegation that they were members
the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB). The bod
allegedly buried en masse in pits dug beside the
Eight others who were killed in similar circumstan
buried at MCC burial ground, New Cemetery,