

1 killed as police foil attack on operational base in Kogi

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Gunmen suspected to be bandits on Sunday night attacked the Obajana Police Divisional Headquarters in Kogi State, killing one person and leaving several others injured.

The incident reportedly occurred around 10 p.m. when the assailants stormed the police operational base in Obajana.

Security sources said operatives of the Joint Operational Force, comprising divisional police personnel, the Police Mobile Force, Quick Response Unit, Immediate Response Team, Counter-Terrorism Unit, and local vigilantes, swiftly repelled the attack.

Confirming the incident on Monday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP William Aya, said the Nigeria Police Force successfully foiled the attempted

attack and arrested several suspects.

He attributed the incident to recent aggressive clearance operations carried out by the police on January 10, 2026, during which suspected bandits were neutralised across identified hideouts and flashpoints in the state, with support from the Police Air Wing.

According to him, the success of the operation likely provoked sleeper cells of the criminals to attempt a reprisal attack.

The Assistant Inspector-General of Police in charge of Special Operations in Kogi State, AIG Alonyenu F. Idu, alongside the Commissioner of Police, CP Naziru Bello Kankarofi, visited the scene for an on-the-spot assessment.

Police authorities reassured residents that sustained operations would continue and urged the public to provide timely intelligence on suspicious activities.