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12 killed in Ebonyi jail break attempt

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Two prison warders and 10 inmates are feared dead following an attempted jail break at the Abakaliki federal prison yesterday. Our reporter gathered that the incident occurred early on Thursday.

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An official, who craved anonymity, told Daily Trust that some of the inmates protested over the poor breakfast served to them by prison officials.

Another insider, a warder, said a warder was killed and about 10 wounded by the inmates who tried to escape.

The prison warder said the situation was brought under control by soldiers and mobile policemen, who arrived the scene in 2 Hilux vans. He said "the report that I am hearing from the prison is that over 12 persons lost their lives and many others injured, one is a warder and rest were inmates."

When contacted, the Controller of Abakaliki Prison, Mrs. Adaobi Oputa confirmed the incident but declined to give the casualty figure.

Meanwhile, Governor David Umahi of Ebonyi State has declared a state of emergency on Abakaliki Prisons.

He spoke when he visited the prisons after returned from Port Harcourt, Rivers State where he attended the Peoples Democratic Party national convention.



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