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Hoodlums, thought to be remnants of the Bakassi militants, on Wednesday, attacked a checkpoint in Bakassi Local Government Council, overpowered and killed a police inspector whose name was not immediately known.

They also maimed other policemen and escaped with two rifles.

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The incident happened at the boundary point into Bakassi late evening.

According to residents and eyewitnesses, the militants came in large numbers and took the policemen at the checkpoint unawares.

Reacting, newly elected chairman of the council, Amboni Nakanda Iyadim, confirmed the incident and said he has met with heads of all security agencies in the council with a view for joint surveillance and patrol.

He said all nooks and crannies of the council will be combed to recover the two rifles and arrest the perpetrators.

Condemning the incident, he called on the militants to drop their weapons and embrace peace so that Bakassi Local Government Area can move forward.

“Bakassi Local Government Area has a lot of problems, from refugees and internally displaced persons and all challenges including infrastructural development.

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“Today, I had a security meeting in the council and we resolved to have joint security operations at all checkpoints in Bakassi Local Government with a view to routing the hoodlums and militants.

“These forces should include Army, Police, Immigration, Civil Defence and other security outfits since police have no enough manpower to man the area,” he stated.

The Permanent Secretary in charge of Security, Governor's office, Dr. Alfred Mboto, regretted the incident and said the militants outnumbered the policemen

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