## Rivers: 2 Cops Killed, Station Burnt As Wike Declares Curfew In 2 LGAs

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Following the reported killing of two policemen and the burning of the Police Area Command located at Oyigbo in Oyigbo LGA, Rivers State, the state governor, Nyesom Wike, has imposed a 24-hour curfew in the LGA and parts of Port Harcourt and Obio-Akpor LGAs of the state.

Governor Wike in a broadcast on Wednesday announced that the curfew extends to Mile 1, Mile 2, Emenike, Ikowu and Iloaubuchi areas of Port Harcourt LGA as well as Oil Mill area of Obio-Akpor LGA of the state.

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The governor explained that the decision to impose the curfew was taken after a State Security Council meeting which was held at the Government House, Port Harcourt.

He said while the state government appreciated and commended the peaceful nature of the ongoing EndSARS protests, it was becoming clear by the day that the protest had been hijacked by hoodlums to unleash carnage.

"Earlier today, some hoodlums attacked and destroyed police stations and court buildings in Oyigbo Local Government Area of the state. Another set of hooligans was also on rampage at the Ikokwu spare parts markets disturbing public peace and damaging property," he said.

The governor directed local government chairmen in the states to mobilise vigilantes and work with security agencies to ensure that no hoodlum is allowed to disturb the peace or destroy lives and property in their LGA.