

2 cops killed as gunmen bomb Imo police station, Ohanaeze chief's home

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The series of attacks in Imo State has continued, with security operatives and highly-placed individuals on the receiving end.

The country home of the president-general of Ohanaeze Ndigbo, Prof George Obiozor at Awo-Omanma in Oru East Local Government Area of the state, was bombed yesterday.

The attack came hours after the Umuguma divisional police headquarters in Owerri West Local Government Area was bombed and two officers killed.

Our correspondent gathered that the attackers went to the Igbo leader's home in vehicles and threw

improvised explosive devices (IEDs) into the compound.

Obiozor was not at home when his house was attacked, but the incident was captured by a closed circuit television mounted in the house.

Obiozor was yet to respond to an inquiry concerning the attack, but one of his aides who did not want his name mentioned, confirmed the incident.

He called on the police to fish out those who carried out the attack.

The police spokesperson in the state, CSP Mike Abattam, who later confirmed the attack, said the police had begun investigation.

The attack on the police station came a few hours after the assistant inspector-general of police in charge of zone 9, Umuahia, Isaac Akinmoyede, left the state after a

one-day working visit.

It also happened a few days after two wardens who were part of a joint security task force were killed when gunmen attacked their patrol vehicle in Okigwe.

It was gathered that the gunmen, on arrival, blocked the roads leading in and out of the station and thereafter threw IEDs into the buildings.

An eyewitness said the attacker opened fire on the policemen, who ran out of the burning station, and in the process killed two of them. Their names were given simply as Ifeanyi and Iyke.

They were said to be undergraduates of the Imo State University, Owerri.

The spokesperson for the police in the state, Micheal Abattam, was not available for comments.