

Passengers shot as gunmen enforce IPOB's sit-at-home order in Enugu

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Gunmen believed to be enforcing the Monday sit-at-home order of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) reportedly shot at passengers in the New Market area of Enugu North Local Government Area of Enugu State on Monday.

The bus conveying the passengers, who left their homes early to attend to their businesses, was said to have been riddled with bullets.

A source said the gunmen struck around Colliery Hospital, killing some passengers.

But there were also conflicting reports on the casualty figure as some

sources claimed that at least two persons were killed, although the police said there were no deaths.

Enugu Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Daniel Ndukwe, who confirmed the incident, said there was no known death recorded.

Ndukwe said, "There was a shooting incident at Odegba, along Iva Valley Road, Enugu in the early hours of this morning, by yet-to-be-identified armed men, which led to the injury of two persons.

"However, the victims are responding to treatment at the hospital where they were promptly taken to by police operatives, who swiftly responded to a distress call on the incident.

"Meanwhile,

investigation has been launched to fish out the fleeing miscreants."

In a related development, Gunmen on Monday morning attacked the Otoko Divisional Police Headquarters in the Obowo Local Government Area of Imo State.

Two police officers were injured in a gun battle between the hoodlums and policemen.

The police Divisional headquarters is situated on the Owerri - Umuahia Express Road.

The Public Relations Officer, CSP Mike Abattam, said the attackers were suspected to be members of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB)/ Eastern Security Network (ESN).