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Gunmen kill two police officers in Rivers after 'end SARS' protest

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Two policemen with the Rivers State Police Command were yesterday gunned down by hoodlums barely four hours after a protest and counter-protest on #End SARS in the state.

The Guardian gathered that the two policemen were murdered around Ogbunabali community in Port Harcourt City Local Council of the state on Monday night while patrolling the area.

The ugly incident happened few hours after the #End SARS protest, which caused tension in Port Harcourt and its environs. It was also gathered that the angry hoodlums opened fire on the police van on security patrol in the area and killed the two victims.

An eyewitness, who craved anonymity, said that other police officers, who were in the same van but escaped during the attack, went in search of the hoodlums. The source disclosed that the remains of the victims were moved out by their colleagues.

However, when contacted, the Public Relations Officer of the Command, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the incident, adding that investigations were on to apprehend the bandits.

Omoni said: "Investigations are on to unravel the people behind that act. All hands are on the deck to ensure that they (the killers) are fished out and prosecuted. At the moment, no arrest has been made but we are working very hard to track them down.

"There was no break-down of law and order during the protests in Port Harcourt. Normalcy has returned. The members of the public should continue to have confidence in the police. The Inspector-General of Police is trying to reform the SARS. SARS has been doing good jobs in the state. They go after criminals everyday and that is why we have sanity."



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