

Gunmen raze police station in Imo, kill five cops

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SOME yet-to-be identified gunmen yesterday evening invaded and razed Okigwe South Area Police Command headquarters in Ehime Mbano Local Government Area of Imo State, killing five police officers, while one officer has been declared missing.

As at the time of filing this report, there was fierce gun

battle on the streets of the capital city of Owerri, which forced residents indoors.

A police officer at the headquarters said that on arrival, the gunmen opened fire on the cops who challenged them. The invaders freed all the suspects in the cells and carted away arms.

The Police Public Relations Officer in Imo State, Orlando Ikeokwu, who confirmed

the attacks, said: "I can confirm an attack on Okigwe South Area Command Headquarters, Ehime Mbano LGA by gunmen. Five officers have been killed, while one is yet to be accounted for. The building was not razed."

He was however silent on if their guns and ammunition were carted away or not by the hoodlums.