

At least five gunmen have been killed by the Police during a failed attempt to attack Police Division in Eleme Local Council of Rivers State yesterday. Six of the hoodlums who tried to escape were arrested. It was also learnt that Police operatives, following an intelligence report, ambushed the gunmen who had camped in a forest between Oyigbo and Eleme Local Councils. On sighting the police, the hoodlums opened fire leading to a gun battle, which left five of the gunmen killed and scores arrested. Spokesman of the state Police Command, Nnamdi Omoni, said he was yet to get report of the incident at press time.

Meanwhile, the Cross River State Police Command has repelled a mob attack on one of its stations in Calabar.

The station, which is located in Ikot Ikpai, Ikot Omin was almost burnt down yesterday by angry mobs, who accused the Police of killing someone. It was gathered that yesterday morning, a group of aggrieved residents stormed the station with a body, a development that led to an argument between the policemen on duty and the aggrieved residents.

When journalists visited yesterday, remains of burnt tyres littered the front of the station, but the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), J. Iyauyushi, declined comment. However, Commissioner of Police, Sikiru Akande, said there was an attempt to burn the station, but they were able to bring the situation under control.