

Again, gunmen kill two in Anambra

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TWO people were feared killed, yesterday, following an attack by gunmen in the industrial town of Nnewi, Anambra State.

An eyewitness said the assailants stormed the town in four Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs), just as worshippers were rounding off at different churches.

The witness said a man who attempted a video recording of the incident was shot dead at the Eme Court area, while another was killed at the Traffic Junction area of the town.

Another source said the gunmen later attacked the Nnewi offices of the Directorate of State Services (DSS) and Federal Road

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Safety Corps (FRSC).

"The gunmen drove from Owerri Road in four SUVs, stopped at Eme Court Road Junction, where they fired gunshots and passersby scampered to safety. Then they headed to the offices, which they also set ablaze. The gunmen later drove round the town, passed through Nkwo Nnewi Triangle and moved towards Nnobi Road. A military armoured vehicle emerged on the scene shortly after the gunmen had left the town," the witness said.

Police Public Relations Officer in Anambra State, DSP Toochukwu Ikenga, who confirmed an incident of fire in Nnewi, could not categorical-

ly state the offices involved.

"At about 2:00 p.m., October 3, 2021, the command received a distress call of fire incident in Nnewi. The police operatives are currently on ground and the area has since been cordoned off," he said, adding that further details would be made public later.

MEANWHILE, secessionist Mgroup, Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), has dismissed as "cheap propaganda" the claim by a chieftain of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Chief Joe Igbokwe, that its members set his country home on fire.

Igbokwe's house in Nnewi was set ablaze on Sunday afternoon. The chieftain had

alleged that IPOB insurgents razed the house.

"IPOB invaded my house in Nnewi about now. I am sure they razed down my house, giving the jerry cans of petrol I saw being offloaded from their Sienna car via CCTV. To God be the glory. I am still alive. My study is my greatest regret," Igbokwe wrote on his Facebook page, yesterday.

Igbokwe has been engaged in a battle of words with IPOB, which he claimed placed a bounty on his head.

Reacting to the allegation, IPOB's Media and Publicity Secretary, Emma Powerful, said: "We don't burn people's property. Joe Igbokwe is an attention seeker. He has no house that anybody should burn."