

Hoodlums Set Nnewi Police Station Ablaze

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As the Joint Police and Military patrol team reduces the mayhem in Onitsha, Anambra State, the commercial city of Nnewi in Nnewi North Local Government of the state has been at the receiving end from hoodlums who have set the Otolu Police Station, ablaze.

Also in an exchange of gun fire, two persons suspected to be members of the Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) were killed. Two policemen also lost their lives in the fracas, while 14 suspects were freed from the police cell.

The hoodlums, who had stormed the Nnewi town on Friday night, at about 9:30 p.m., had chased passers-by away before launching an assault on the police station.

Narrating what happened when Governor Peter Obi and the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, visited the scene of the incident, the Acting Police Commissioner, Mr. John Haruna, said, "yesterday, about quarter to two, two lorries filled with some very much suspected persons to be the MASSOB persons arrived and suddenly four buses were following them behind and four were at the other end and four others disembarked from the vehicle and headed to the police station.

"As usual I told my men at any given time when we see people surging like this, they should open fire on them and that we did and at this period they continued to surge seriously and two men were killed directly opposite here and one up there.

"They were fast enough to pick them up wherever they were hiding. So many of them cordoned the station and up to the barracks, we did all we could to defend our property.