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Terrorists Take Over Anambra — *Police*

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Some 300 soldiers have taken over security in Awka, Nnewi

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and Ekwulobia in Anambra State, to protect residents from the sort of reprisal attacks launched by 20 gunmen two

days ago.

The police described the hooligans as terrorists.

On Tuesday, troops from

the cantonment in Onitsha were deployed to Government House, Awka after news filtered that the hoodlums

plan to hit the seat of power before heading for the central police station.

Ekwulobia witnessed exchange of gun fire between

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soldiers and the hoodlums on the same day. Shops around the market have closed.

Nnewi is on the verge of a mass exodus of non-indigenes.

The Anambra State Assembly expressed disappointment at the inability of the security agencies to check the mayhem.

It sought the return of Anambra State Vigilance Services (AVS) disbanded by Governor Peter Obi.

Police Commissioner, John Haruna, told a press conference in Awka that the situation in Anambra has gone beyond hoodlums and that terrorists have invaded the state to fan the embers of unrest.

He was accompanied by State Security Service (SSS) Director, Andrew Ioke, and police area commanders.

Haruna recounted that gunmen stormed First Bank in Nnewi, shot and wounded five policemen in Dunukofia Council, and entered Ekwulobia – after having an exchange of fire at Anambra Broadcasting Service, Onitsha, where a soldier was hit.

However, Egbe Omo Oduduwa President, Tunde Adegbenjo, has appealed to his Yoruba kinsmen in the South East "to remain calm as there is no cause for any alarm. I am going to meet with our Hausa brothers as well as other groups so that our people do not create a bad impression outside Anambra State".

Because of the unease about security in the country, Inspector General of Police (IG), Sunday Ehindero, has asked all deputy inspectors general (DIGs) to tour all the 12 zonal commands nationwide.

They are to find out what strategies are in place to reduce the crime rate, especially armed robbery and other violent crimes.

DIG (Logistics and Statistics), Yekinni Jimoh, toured Zone 2 (Lagos and Ogun States) on Tuesday.

He noted that crime is galloping but congratulated residents in the Lagos area for having Adedayo Adeoye as Assistant Inspector General of Police (Zone 2) and Emmanuel Adebayo as Police Commissioner.

Jimoh said the police high command is gradually complying with the requirements of the United Nations.

Policing is not the responsibility of the government alone, he stressed, and urged individuals as well as corporate organisations to aid the police to combat crime.