

# Gunmen Attack Police Stations In Abia, Anambra, Raze Vehicles

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**AWKA / UMUAHIA** – Gunmen on Monday attacked the Police Zonal Headquarters, Zone 13, Ukpo in Dunukofia Local Government Area of Anambra.

Similarly, gunmen in the early hours of Monday set ablaze Uzuakoli Police Station in Bende Local Government Area of Abia State.

*Daily Independent* learnt that the Anambra incident happened in the early hours of Monday, leaving two police operatives critically injured.

It was further learnt that the gunmen, numbering at least 20, torched some offices and scores of vehicles parked on the premises.

The Zonal Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Nkiru Nwode, confirmed the attack in a statement issued to newsmen in Awka.

Nwode explained that the attackers threw petrol bombs and Improvised Explosive Devices on vehicles parked within the precincts of the zonal headquarters.

She stated that two officers sustained bullet wounds during the shootout and were receiving treatment in the hospital.

She stated that operatives repelled the bandits from gaining access to the armoury.

“One of the criminal elements was neutralised during the exchange of gunfire between the police and attackers, while many of the gang members escaped with gunshot wounds.

“One L7A2 General-Purpose Machine Gun, 92 rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition, one locally-made smoke pistol and an axe were recovered by the police,” she stated.

She also stated that the police were on the trail of the suspects and hoped they would be caught and made to face justice.

## **Gunmen Attack, Raze Uzuakoli Police Station In Abia**

Gunmen in the early hours of Monday set ablaze Uzuakoli Police Station in Bende Local Government Area of Abia State.

The police station is located on Umuahia-Uzuakoli-Ohafia highway.

Scanty report from the area said the gunmen were many, adding that they shot their way into the police station and subsequently vandalised it.

This is coming weeks after a similar incident was unleashed in World Bank Housing Estate, Aba, when a police station was razed and property worth millions of naira were destroyed.

The state government, it would be recalled, alerted the public last week of a planned attack on public facilities in the state, urging the people to be vigilant.

Efforts by the *Daily Independent* to reach police image maker in the state, Geoffrey Ogbonna, a Superintendent of Police, for comments proved abortive as his phone reported busy when a call was made to him.



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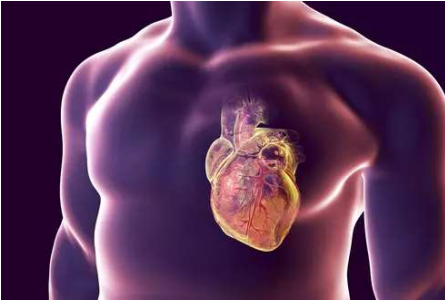
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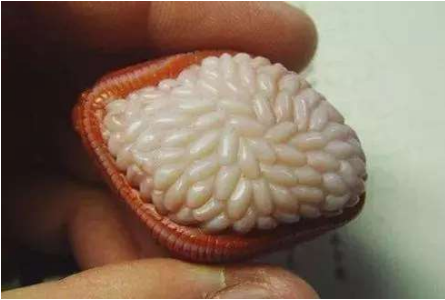
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