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Gunmen Attack Ebonyi Communities, Kill Two Policemen, Eight Others

Ten persons, including policemen, were feared killed as gunmen attacked Isu and Onicha Igboeze communities in Onicha Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

While two policemen were said to have been killed in Isu, others were killed in Onicha Igboeze.

The incident occurred Thursday morning, according to sources.

An eyewitness said two lawyers unfortunately ran into the gunmen who operated on a Lexus Jeep. The lawyers were robbed and their car set ablaze by the

hoodlums.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Loveth Odah, confirmed the latest invasion but said details of the incident were still sketchy.

She, however, noted that the state Commissioner of Police, Aliyu Garba, has dis-

patched a team to the area.

This is coming barely 24 hours after the state governor, David Umahi, declared his administration would not tolerate any further killings in the state.

Umahi had on Wednesday warned that the local gov-

ernment council chairmen, development centre coordinators, and the traditional rulers would henceforth be held accountable for any further killing within their localities.

The governor said he would not hesitate to deploy

every lawful means to suspend the aforementioned categories of people if any part of the state witnessed any further killings.

He, however, said his government was ready to suspend all projects and empower the bandits if they could lay down their arms, even as he warned that his administration would not tolerate further killings, saying, "No more killings again in Ebonyi State."