

Policeman Killed, Building, Vehicles Razed As Gunmen Attack Ebonyi Police Divisional Headquarters

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A police sergeant was on Sunday night killed following an attack by gunmen on Ohaukwu Divisional Police Headquarters in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

A section of the station's building, cars and other valuables were also razed by the hoodlums who reportedly attacked the station with petrol bombs and dynamites.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, DSP Loveth Odah, and the Ohaukwu Local Government Council Chairman,

Barrister Clement Odah, confirmed the incident.

The police spokesman, who explained that the hoodlums were repelled, confirmed that a police sergeant who sustained gunshot injuries during the attack died on Monday morning at Alex Ekwueme Federal Teaching Hospital Abakaliki, where he was receiving treatment.

Odah said that the Police Commissioner, CP Aliyu Garba, had visited the station for on-the-spot assessment and had launched a manhunt against the fleeing gunmen.

The police spokesman said, "At about 23.50 hours yet to be identified gunmen came into Ohaukwu Police Divisional headquarters, to attack the station and men

on duty, but they were immediately repelled and in the process.

However, one policeman, a sergeant sustained a gunshot injuries and was rushed to Alex Ekwueme Federal Teaching Hospital where he was confirmed dead this morning.

"They threw petrol bomb into the station and unfortunately it got one of the patrol vehicle and an exhibit vehicle parked in the station.

The Commissioner of Police, CP Aliyu Garba, has visited the area for on-the-spot assessment.

He also met with the community leaders.

"As you know, this is the first time we are experiencing this and the non-state actors such as the vigilance

groups and hunters have been of great assistance to the police in the council area," he said.

On his part, the Council Chairman, Clement Odah, told our correspondent in a telephone interview that normalcy had returned in the area, even as he noted that it was the first time such an incident was happening within the council area, since the beginning of coordinated attacks on security agencies by gunmen.

"I called the DPO and he confirmed it. I went there this morning for on-the-spot assessment. He said the hoodlums came with dynamites to attack the place. From the report of the police, they lost one of their men, during the attack."