

Police Confirm Attack On Ebonyi Division, Deny Killing Of Three Policemen

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The Police in Ebonyi State have confirmed the attack on Unwana Divisional Headquarters in Afikpo North Local Government Area of the State on Sunday but denied any policeman was killed in the attack.

However, sources from the area claimed three policemen and one gunman lost their lives in the attack.

"The incident happened around 2 a.m. Nobody knows the route they came from. All we heard was gunshots for about 10 minutes. At the moment, there is no detail about the level of destruction or whether they made away with anything from the police station.

"They killed three policemen, one constable and two inspectors and the police killed one of the gunmen. Nobody knows the identity of the gunmen and police have taken the corpses away.

"The men were masked. The face of the one killed was unveiled by the police and that will help the police to ascertain his identity. He was also wearing a charm round his waist," a source from the area told our correspondent.

However, a statement released by Ebonyi State Police Command and signed by State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Loveth



The deceased suspect.

Odah, suspected members of Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and Eastern Security Network (ESN) for the attack that occurred at about 3 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The statement further disclosed that the attackers were numbering about 35 who stormed the station, shooting sporadically on the policemen on duty, who returned fire for fire and immediately repelled them.

"In the gun battle that ensued, one of the hoodlums was killed and two AK47 rifles and other incriminating items were recovered while others escaped with bullet wounds. Regrettably, one Police Inspector attached to the Division was fatally wounded. The Police Facili-

ty/Operational vehicles are intact," the statement said.

The police further disclosed that investigation revealed that the deceased suspect had been on the police wanted list for various attacks on police stations and one of the recovered AK-47 rifles was identified to be the rifle stolen from Ohaukwu Police Division early this month.

Recall that the Ohaukwu Divisional police headquarters was seven days ago attacked by gunmen, who killed one policeman, set ablaze vehicles and a section of the station

building.

The police statement reads, "At 0300hrs of today, 24th October, 2021, yet to be identified gunmen suspected to be members of proscribed IPOB/ESN numbering about 35 attacked Unwana Divisional Headquarters in Afikpo North Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, shooting sporadically at the policemen on duty who immediately repelled the attackers, in the gun battle that ensued. One of the hoodlums was killed and two AK47 rifles/other incriminating items were recovered while others escaped with bullet wound injuries.

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