

Five killed as gunmen invade police stations in Kogi, Edo

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A gang of gunmen early yesterday raided a police station at Eika in the Okehi Local Government Area of Kogi State, killing two policemen on duty and a detainee.

They, thereafter, set the police station ablaze.

Also felled was a community leader, Mallam Sadiq Obomi.

The 10-man gang, sources said yesterday, invaded the community in two vehicles at about 1am, shooting indiscriminately, as they moved in the direction of the police station.

An eyewitness said the two policemen were shot at close range.

The fire set on the building also consumed motorcycles parked on the premises.

After accomplishing their mission at the police station, the gunmen moved to Obomi's house and shot him dead.

The entire operation in the town lasted about two hours with no one challenging them.

Armed military men were later drafted to the community to forestall any further attack.

The Kogi State Police Commissioner (CP), Abdullahi Chafe, confirmed the attack.

In a related development, suspected cultists have attacked a police station at Ibillo in the Akoko-Edo Local Government Area of Edo State and set free two of their colleagues who were held for alleged rape.

The attackers, who were said to have gained access into the police station by posing as relatives of the suspects, allegedly fired gunshots sporadically to scare away the people around.

A woman was said to have been shot dead by a stray bullet.

The attackers were said to have successfully freed their colleague before running away.

Confirming the report, the state Commissioner of Police, Haliru Gwandu, said the incident happened on February 2.

Gwandu said some suspects had been arrested in connection with the incident.

He said more men had been deployed to the affected police station to ensure that such incident does not occur again.

"Two rapists were arrested at Ibillo, and unknown to the police, the suspects were cultists. Their members went to the police station, but the police did not know they were there to rescue their members," the police boss said.

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