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One cop feared dead as youths attack policemen at checkpoint

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Dozens of armed youth have attacked four policemen at a checkpoint in Asaba metropolis, the Nation has learnt.

The four policemen have been hospitalised following life-threatening injuries allegedly sustained during attack.

It was gathered that the incident caused panic in Mosaic junction area as armed policemen raided the area.

It was learnt that the hoodlums armed with cutlasses and other objects disposed the arms-wielding policemen mounting checkpoint at the popular Moziac Junction along the Asaba/Onitsha road of the state capital.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at about 9:20pm.

Eyewitness said that four service guns belonging to the police including two AK47 were carted away by the hoodlums numbering about 12.

It was gathered that one of the policemen was alleged to have died of the injury sustained during the incident.

An Asaba resident said: "The incident took place at Moziac Junction along the Asaba/Onitsha road. The incident happened on Wednesday October 30, 2019 at about 9pm.

"We don't know how it happened but the hoodlums numbering eleven matcheted some policemen with four sustaining life threatening injuries. The policemen were rushed to hospitals through the assistance of residents of the area.

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"One of them was in coma at the time they were rushed to hospitals. We learnt that the officer died but you have to clarify from the police authorities."

Armed hoodlums had in April also attacked a team of policemen on a stop-and-search duty in Asaba, carting away two service rifles in the encounter.

There has been an upsurge in crime rate in Asaba and other parts of the state.

Recently Elizabeth, younger sister to the wife of the Delta State Governor, Mrs Edith Okowa and a lawyer, Mr Chike Onyemenam (SAN) were abducted.

Delta Police Commissioner, Mr. Adeyinka Adeleke said: "I am on leave, call the Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO)"

Several calls to the PPRO, Delta Police Command, DSP Onome Onowakpoyeya, proved abortive as her phone lines were switched off.



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