

## One killed in attempted attack on *Eze Imo's* palace

**T**HE Imo State Police Command yesterday repelled an attempt to set the palace of the Chairman of Traditional Rulers Council and Eze Amaifeke in Orlu Local Government Area of Imo, Eze Emmanuel Okeke on fire.

The hoodlums stormed the monarch's palace yesterday at about 1:00 p.m. with arms and assorted weapons.

The Command's spokes-

man Michael Abattam, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) who disclosed this yesterday, said one of the hoodlums was killed in the process while several others escaped with gunshot injuries.

He said: "On January 3, 2022, at about 1:00 p.m., the Command's tactical teams working in synergy with vigilante group of the area were

able to repel the attack/attempt to set the palace of Eze Imo; Eze Dr E. C. Okeke on fire by some hoodlums at Ezioha Amaifeke in Orlu Local Government Area of Imo State.

"The hoodlums, in their numbers, besieged the palace of the traditional ruler armed with assorted weapons but were subdued by the superior fire-power of the Command's tactical teams. In the process,

one of them was neutralised, while others fled into the bush with bullet injuries.

He said on searching the body of the neutralised bandit, several charms were seen tied round his waist while other items also recovered included one ID card, one locally-made improvised explosive device, five bottles containing fuel, cash of N20,000 and one pump action gun with four live cartridges.

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