

Anambra vigilantes repel gunmen attack in Okija, kill three



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The Anambra Vigilante Group (AVG) in Okija in Ihiala Local Government Area (LGA) of Anambra State, yesterday repelled an attack by gunmen, killing three.

The Nation gathered that the attackers, numbering about 15, stormed the AVG camp in a dawn raid, aiming to catch the vigilantes unawares.

They opened fire but were outgunned by the security outfit.

An AVG member, who participated in the defence but did not have permission to speak, told *The Nation* that the gunmen were armed with AK-47s and hung charms on their necks, waists, hands and legs.

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“When they came, they opened fire on us without knowing they had stepped into the lion’s den. Let them continue coming, we are ready for them,” the source said.

The phone of the state Police Public Relations Officer, Ikenga Tochukwu, was switched off.

But a Senior Police officer, who said he was aware of the incident, told *The Nation* that the vigilance group would hand over the suspects’ corpses and arms recovered from them to his command.

The officer explained that the command had a partnership with vigilance groups and sister agencies to secure the state.