

Gunmen burn station, kill three policemen in Anambra



Gunmen, suspected to be members of the secessionist group, yesterday attacked another police station with bombs at Oba, Idemili South Local Government Area, **Anambra State** killed three policemen and injured others.

Though the Police Command claimed that only one policeman, a Corporal, was killed, a senior Police officer told The Nation that three of their men lost their lives.

The group, which terrorises the Southeast region, also attacked the Oba Civic Centre.

Last week, one of the leaders of the group put a voice note on social media calling for a one month sit-at-home in the region.

Anambra State Police Public Relations Officer, Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the incident in a statement.

Ikenga said: "A joint security force comprising the Army, Navy, Civil Defence, and other agencies is conducting a joint operation in Oba and its environs."

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He said the suspected group shot and threw petrol bombs, causing fire in some offices and the Civic Centre.

"This followed an attack in the early hours of 3/9/2024 on Oba Police Divisional Headquarters and Oba Civic Centre.

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“The suspected armed secessionist group started shooting sporadically in an attempt to gain entrance to the Police Station and threw petrol bombs at the security facility which made some of the offices catch fire, including the Oba Civic Centre.

“Unfortunately, a police corporal, who was fatally wounded, paid the supreme price, while the fire was put off with the help of other Police officers on duty and the Joint Security responding team.

“The Commissioner of Police, Nnaghe Obono Itam, while condemning the act, described the invasion of security facilities and hostility towards security agents as an attack on the soul of a Nation and vowed to bring those behind the unholy act to book.”

A source, who regretted such attacks on Police formations, noted that hoodlums have resumed their attacks on police stations.