

# Policeman, 12 others killed in Imo, Niger, Plateau attacks

**G**UNMEN have reportedly killed three security personnel in Imo State.

The policemen were killed on Tuesday evening and yesterday at two separate operations in two locations. They also set a police station and council headquarters ablaze.

At Obowo Council area, the gunmen slaughtered a police officer in his house at Umulogho NEPA junction in Obowo Council area of the state.

The Nation gathered that the gunmen invaded the area around 8 pm on Tuesday and shot sporadically, entered into the house of the late officer and slaughtered him with a knife after identifying

From Chris Njoku, Owerri, Kolade Adeyemi, Jos, and Justina Asishana, Minna

him from the student nurses residing in the same compound.

It was gathered that the hoodlums spent 45 minutes unchallenged despite the presence of three police formations and a military checkpoint in the area.

They returned early yesterday morning to set the police station ablaze.

One of the sources who pleaded not to be mentioned because of the security risk, described the killing as "horrifying."

Also, at Isiala Mbano Local Government Area, two security officers who were on duty were killed

and some sections of the council building and vehicles set on fire.

Meanwhile, Henry Okoye, the police spokesman in the state, is yet to comment on the incident.

In Plateau State, no fewer than eight people were killed and one seriously injured, at Congo community in Bokkos Local Government Area.

The incident has plunged the community into panic.

The attack was said to have occurred around 7 p.m. in the community's market, shortly after it had closed for the day.

By then, it was learnt most traders and customers had left, leaving only a few behind.