

## Three gunmen killed during attack on Divisional Police HQ in Imo

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THREE persons were killed and several injured yesterday when the Njaba Local Government Divisional Police Headquarters in Imo State was attacked by suspected bandits affiliated with the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its armed militia, the Eastern Security Network (ESN).

This is the third attack on the Njaba Police Division.

The Police Command spokesman, Henry Okoye, said the hoodlums arrived at the headquarters in three Sport Utility Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs).

"We are proud of our operatives who demonstrated exceptional bravery and professionalism in repelling the attack.

"As the DPO down to the last man, our operatives are groomed to fight," said Okoye, adding: "They are the reason the Umuaka-Orlu Road axis has not become as deadly as Abuja-Kaduna Road.

"The shootout resulted in the neutralisation of three attackers, while others fled with gunshot injuries," Okoye said.

According to the spokesman, items recovered include one general purpose machine gun, one AK-47 rifle, three vehicles: Toyota Lexus 470, Mercedes GLK, and Toyota Venza.

He said the Commissioner of Police (CP), Aboki Danjuma, was spearheading an operation to apprehend the fleeing suspects.

"The Command remains committed to enhancing the state's internal security and will continue to take decisive actions against any threats to public peace," he quoted the CP as saying.