

Gunmen attack vigilance group, burn vehicle

• Soldiers, gunmen battle in Abia

GUNMEN have set ablaze the vehicle of a vigilance group in Anambra, injuring one in the process.

It occurred at Amesi, the community of the former Chief Executive of Transcorp Hotels, Valentine Ozigbo.

The attack came four days after gunmen struck in Nnewi before the burial of Senator Ifeanyi Ubah, where they killed two persons and burning a Venza car.

Police Public Relations Officer, Tochukwu Ikenga, a Superintendent, who confirmed the incident, said it took place on Sunday.

However, an indigene of the area, who spoke with The Nation yesterday, said one

From Sunny Nwankwo, Umuahia,
Nwanosike Onu, Awka

person was killed during the attack while some others got injured

The source said: "the Police will protect their own, but some Policemen were injured during the shootout, but one Vigilante man was killed while others got injured."

Ikenga said that police operatives responded swiftly to the attack, rescuing the injured vigilante who was taken to the hospital.

Ikenga said the police secured the scene of the attack to prevent further criminal activity and ensure properties

and goods were safeguarded.

He also said that Joint Security Forces (JSF) had intensified patrols in the area, employing Intelligence-led operations to deny the criminals the opportunity to cause further harm and facilitate their eventual arrest.

The attack by the hoodlums two days to the burial of Ubah, forced the Governor, Prof Chukwuma Soludo, to close schools in Nnewi area till yesterday.

Though Commissioner for Education Ngozi Chuma-Udeh, debunked it, but students in Nnewi area had been at home since then, but

will resume today (Tuesday).

When The Nation moved around Awka town Monday, uncountable security operatives were seen parading the streets of the community in their vehicles due to a voice note from the hoodlums circulated on Saturday.

Meanwhile, reports from Mbata, Umuchima village in Isiala Ngwa North local government area of Abia State have it that personnel of the Nigerian Army from the 14 Brigade, Ohafia, Ohafia local government area of the state and unknown gunmen have been locked in a gun duel.