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AT least two police officers attached to the Osara police station in Adavi Local Government Area of Kogi State were feared killed when suspected hoodlums invaded the station located on the Okene-Lokoja highway.

Nigerian Tribune gathered, on Thursday, that the hoodlums, numbering about 12, had at about 2.30 a.m on Tuesday, invaded the station, following the arrest of some of their colleagues a day earlier.

An eyewitness said the officers, who were of the rank of constable, shot at close range while trying to prevent the invaders from carrying out the operation.

It was learnt that the hoodlums, who started shooting sporadically and throwing the community into confusion, forcefully gained entry into the armoury and carted away arms and ammunition.

The people were also said to have thereafter shot at the lock of the cell and released detainees in police custody.

The hoodlums were said to have set ablaze a vehicle parked at the station during the invasion, as they reportedly operated for more than two hours without any challenge from any quarter.

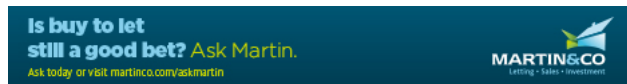
Sources close to the police station, said the invasion might not be unconnected with the arrest of some hoodlums on Monday, who confessed to be working for an ex-council boss who is now a member of the National Assembly.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Willy Eya, who confirmed the incident, however, said none of the officers was killed in the shoot-out. The police image maker, however, said two cops, who were fatally injured, were responding to treatment in the hospital.

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