

4 civilians feared killed, 2 policemen killed in Ibadan

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HOODLUMS, on Tuesday, attacked the Ojoo police station in Ibadan, Oyo State during the EndSARS protest, which then led to the killing of two policemen. Two others are still missing, while unconfirmed reports claimed four of the hoodlums were killed by the police.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the hoodlums had tried to create a roadblock to extort motorists in front of the police station, something which the policemen resisted.

The hoodlums then at-

tacked the policemen, who, in a bid to protect themselves and prevent the station from being overrun, shot at the hoodlums.

Before the incident degenerated, it was gathered that personnel of *Operation Burst* were at the scene and they appealed to the hoodlums to allow peace to reign.

However, after the *Operation Burst* personnel left, the hoodlums, who had regrouped in large number, attacked the police station and burnt it down.

An eyewitness who spoke to the *Nigerian Tribune* said two policemen were killed by the hoodlums, while two cops were captured alive.

The source said the two who were captured were later burnt to death.

In a statement on the incident, the state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Olugbenga Fadeyi, said hoodlums/hardened criminals capitalised on the EndSARS protest in the area to attack policemen and the Ojoo police station.

SP Fadeyi said the criminals hijacked the protest at about 1:00 p.m and unleashed mayhem on police personnel attached to the Ojoo divisional police headquarters.

The police spokesperson said two policemen were killed, while two others re-

main unaccounted for.

He said the attack and burning of the police station was premeditated as the police personnel did not have any interference with the protesters, nor were they disturbed in anyway.

"The Commissioner of Police, therefore, wishes to inform the good people of Oyo State and the general public that due to the attack, some police AK-47 rifles were missing and as a result of this, he implores the people to be vigilant and report any individual or group who are not police officers/ military personnel seen with such rifles to the nearest police station."