Hoodlums kill inspector, burn station in Abia

OME hoodlums attacked Umuoba Police Station in Isiala Ngwa North Local Government Area of Abia State on Monday, killing a police inspector, the police in Abia have said. Relations Public (PPRO) Geoffrey Ogbonna in the command confirmed this in Aba on Tuesday, observing that the hoodlums came on Monday around 3.00 a.m.

Ogbonna said the hoodlums who attacked the police station also burnt the station and its operational vehicles.

"In the course of the attack, one inspector lost his life and another policewoman was seriously injured.

"The hoodlums then broke into the armoury of the police station and stole some arms, including the gun of the inspector who was killed.

"They also razed the station and the vehicles parked on the premises, including one of our serviceable patrol vans.

"The body of the inspector has been taken to the mortuary, while the policewoman is being treated," he said.

Ogbonna said the police in Abia state had begun investigations to unravel the cause of the attack. He urged the residents to be on the look out in their communities for intruders and unknown faces.

He also called on hoteliers to volunteer credible information on certain visitors who would want to leave the hotels at midnight to commit crimes.

The police promised to protect the details of any-body who volunteered information that could lead to the arrest of the hoodlums.