

Gunmen attack Anambra police station, kill two officers, free detainees

Another policeman killed in Ebonyi gov's hometown, station set ablaze

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GUNMEN on Wednesday night attacked the Obosi police station in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State, killing two police officers and setting free all detainees in the station's cell.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the attack occurred barely 24 hours after the newly-posted Commissioner of Police to the state, Christopher Adetokunbo Owolabi,

assumed office.

A reliable source within the affected police station confided in newsmen that the gunmen, in large numbers, stormed the station between 11:00 p.m. and 12 midnight.

The source said two Inspectors of Police were killed, while those detained in the station's cells were released before the gunmen set the building on fire.

It was gathered that the policemen were killed inside a non-functional filling station close to the police station when they were trying to re-

pel the gunmen from gaining access into the station.

The source said when other policemen on duty noticed the presence of the gunmen, they took to their heels.

When contacted on phone, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Ikenga Tochukwu, confirmed the development.

He said the commissioner of police had sent an investigative team to the area to unravel the circumstances behind the attack and to get the perpetrators arrested.

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policeman was killed by gunmen in the early hours of Thursday at Obiozara, which is Governor David Umahi's hometown, in Ohaozara Local Government Area of the state.

The latest attack came barely four days after gunmen attacked a police station in Abaomege in Onicha Local Government Area of the state, where one policeman was killed.

The gunmen, who invaded the station at about 3:00 a.m., also set ablaze the office of the Divisional Police Officer

(DPO) and the administration building.

A source within the area said the main police station in the council area was burnt down during #EndSARS protest, and the latest attack was on temporary buildings which the police are using.

The source said: "I called one of the police officers who said they were attacked early this morning (Thursday) at about 3:00 a.m. One inspector was shot dead, while two offices were burnt, one which the DPO uses and the other one, the administrative office.

"They had burnt the main office during the EndSARS protest, which made the police personnel move to where they now moved within the station, where this latest attack took place."

As of the time of filing this report, it could not be ascertained if the gunmen made away with any equipment belonging to the police.

The state police spokesperson, Loveth Odah, confirmed the attack.

She said the gunmen invaded the station in large numbers.

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