

Police repel attack on station in Imo, kill four hoodlums

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THE police command in Imo State has said gallant officers killed four bandits who allegedly attacked the Izombe police division in Oguta Local Government Area of the state on Saturday night.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Abutu Yaro, disclosed this in a statement signed by the command's

spokesman, SP Bala Elkana, on Sunday.

Yaro said several bandits also fled with bullet wounds.

The **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** reported that the attack came less than 24 hours after gunmen razed the Atta police station in Njaba Local Government Area.

Yaro said the latest incident took place between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Saturday in Izombe.

"The hoodlums, in their

numbers, launched an offensive on Izombe police station but were repelled by gallant policemen on duty.

"Four hoodlums were neutralised during the attack while others escaped with bullet wounds."

He said a mop-up operation was already ongoing to arrest fleeing members of the gang.

In another development, the police said they uncovered an illegal depot at Ogbo Oshishi (timber market), Naze

in Owerri North Local Government Area where petroleum products were stored for onward transportation to locations targeted for attacks.

Yaro said the police, acting on information received from credible sources, moved operatives of the command attached to Anti Riot Unit and Quick Intervention Team to the place and arrested six persons.

He said the illegal depot, comprising 14 shops, was fully stocked with petroleum

products suspected to have been obtained through bunkering.

The police boss said one tanker truck with registration number, GWA 568 AA was intercepted discharging petroleum products into some drums at the illegal depot.

He said the suspects also discharged the product in sacks, using a Robin EY15 pumping machine, adding that both the truck and the pumping machine were recovered.