

# Six gunmen, one policeman killed as police repel attack on Imo community

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**T**HE Imo State police command has repelled gunmen who attempted to attack a police facility at Omuma community in Oru East Local Government Area of the state. At the end of the gun bat-

tle, six gunmen were killed, while 11 were arrested. A policeman also lost his life during the attack. The armed men were said to be in a convoy of three vehicles and were heading for the community when the police tactical teams went after them. The Omuma Area Com-

mander, ACP Benjamin Abang, said based on information received that gunmen were sighted moving in convoy into Omuma town, he immediately alerted the tactical teams of the command which swung into action, ambushed and launched a surprised attack on the convoy of the gun-

men. This resulted in the neutralisation of six suspects, while 11 others were arrested.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Yabutu Yaro, in a statement issued in Owerri by the command's Public Relations Officer, CSP Michael Abatham, regretted that a police officer, CSP

Fatmann Dooiyor, paid the supreme price during the operation.

Yaro said police operatives later recovered the three vehicles abandoned by the gunmen -- two Toyota Highlander **Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs)** with registration numbers Abia MBL 517 AT and Lagos JJJ 984 EL

respectively and a milk-coloured unregistered **Lexus SUV**.

The police boss said the command's tactical teams and special forces operatives led by ACP Evans E. Shem were still combing the bush for possible arrest of gunmen who fled.