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Police kill gunmen, recover AK-47 rifle, 30 rounds of ammunition, others in Anambra

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Operatives of the Anambra State police command on Tuesday killed suspected gunmen at Ihiala, in Ihiala Local Government Area of the state.

A source in the area told *Nigerian Tribune* that the gunmen stormed Odata Central School, Ihiala and started shooting sporadically before they were con-

fronted and overpowered by the police and military personnel in the area.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Ikenga Tochukwu, who confirmed the attack in a statement, said: "Operatives of the Anambra State police command, at 9:30 a.m. today, October 12, successfully repelled an attack at Odata Central School, beside St Martin's

Church, Ihiala, in Ihiala Local Government Area of the state."

He added that: "Exhibits recovered include one AK-47 rifle, two magazines with 30 rounds of ammunition, one Lexus 350 Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV), one RAV 4 Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV), one Mercedes Benz and a Toyota Corolla.

"Preliminary investiga-

tions revealed that the hoodlums started shooting sporadically while arriving Odata Central School, but were successfully repelled by police operatives and military personnel on ground. No casualty was recorded by the police.

"Meanwhile, normalcy has been restored and operations are ongoing in the area for possible arrest of fleeing gang members."