

The police station attacked by gunmen in Ebonyi. Photo: Egbo Grace.

Gunmen set police station ablaze, kill sergeant in Ebonyi

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GUNMEN, at about 12 midnight on Sunday, invaded the Ohaukwu police headquarters at Ezzamgbo, in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State and set it ablaze.

The gunmen, who also burnt vehicles at the station, killed a police ser-

geant during the operation.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Loveth Odah, confirmed the attack to newsmen on Monday.

Odah said: "At about 11:00 p.m., some yet-to-be identified gunmen came to Ohaukwu Divisional Headquarters to attack the men and officers on duty

and they were repelled. In the process, one police officer, a sergeant, paid the supreme price.

"They (gunmen) threw petrol bombs into the station and unfortunately, it burnt one of the patrol vehicles and exhibit vehicles parked at the station.

"The commissioner of

police has visited the station for an on-the-spot assessment of the area and he has met with community leaders in the area.

"This is the first time we are experiencing such a thing and non-state actors, being the vigilantes and other security outfits, have been of great assistance to the police."