

Police confirm attack on personnel in Ebonyi, say two officers still missing

Killers of policemen must be prosecuted — Lai Mohammed

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THE Ebonyi State police command has confirmed the attack on its personnel by gunmen at Igbuduoque village in Effium/Ezza clan in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of the state.

The police spokesperson, DSP Loveth Odah, in a statement made available to newsmen, said the officers were attacked while returning from an investigative operation in connection with the abduction of three engineers in the area.

Odah added that two officers were abducted by the hoodlums, while three others, and a member representing Ohaukwu North in the state House of Assembly, Honourable Chinedu Awo, luckily escaped with gunshot injuries.

Odah said: "On November 28, at about 1:40 p.m., police operatives were returning from an investigation in connection with the three missing engineers who were abducted in the same area on November 3 while on the ring road site project, when they came under attack.

"The operatives were in the company of Honourable Chinedu Awo, a member representing Ohaukwu North constituency in the state House of Assembly,

who accompanied them to enable him dialogue with the warriors at Igbuduoque village in Effium/Ezza clan.

"They were, however, ambushed by armed Ezza warriors numbering over 60, but the operatives gallantry fought back, resulting in heavy casualties on the side of the attackers.

"However, DSP Bruno Chukwu and two others sustained bullet wounds and are currently responding to treatment, while two other police officers, Sergeant Donatus Osugwu and Sergeant Thaddeus Ugoeze, are suspected to have been abducted by the hoodlums as they were discovered missing in action."

Meanwhile, the Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed has condemned the recent gruesome murder of two policemen in Anambra State, warning that those who carried out the killings, videotaped their heinous act and circulated such would be apprehended and brought to justice.

In a statement issued in Lagos on Monday, the minister described the abduction of three policemen and the killing of two of them in the most horrific, barbaric and cannibalistic manner, as an unacceptable attack.