

Police confirm killing of vigilantes by gunmen in Anambra nightclub

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ANAMBRA State police command has confirmed the killing of operatives of local vigilante in Oba, in Idemili North Local Government Area of the state inside a nightclub.

Spokesperson for the state police command, Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the development to newsmen in Awka on Monday.

He said: "Yes, the incident happened. Our men were alerted and they quickly moved to the scene of the incident, but the gunmen had already fled.

"Our men have recovered the bodies of the vigilante operatives who were fatally

wounded, while others sustained various degrees of injury.

"We have also fully deployed our men in Oba and operation is ongoing. So far, no arrest has been made."

A source in Oba put the number of those killed at the nightclub at seven, while one of the security operatives was beheaded and another had his foot cut off and taken away with by the gunmen.

Sunday night's attack on the nightclub is not the first in the town, as a popular native doctor, Akwa Okuko, was months back kidnapped by gunmen in his hotel, before he was later released after payment of ransom.