

Gunmen kill ASP, four other policemen in Rivers

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AN Assisitant Superintendent of Police and four other policemen were killed on Sunday by gunmen who invaded a Divisional Police Station in Bony Local Government of Rivers State.

The other policemen were an Inspector, two sergeants and a constable.

They were said to be waiting for their colleagues to arrive at the station and take over from them after the night duty when the bandits struck.

The gunmen, who reportedly set free some

detainees, also made away with five AK-47 rifles and some service pistols.

The reason for the attack could not be ascertained as at 6pm on Sunday.

A security source told our correspondent that the heavily armed hoodlums arrived at the station in speedboats, through the Bonny Jetty.

According to the source, as soon as they arrived, they surrounded the station and immediately opened fire on the policemen.

The source said, "We learnt that the gunmen arrived through the Bonny water way. While they were shooting the

guards, the other police officers who were on duty rushed out to see what was happening, they were gunned down, too."

"After killing the policemen, they went away with an unspecified number of arms. The hoodlums came with more sophisticated guns than the ones used by our men. They knew the fire power of our guns and they came with superior guns and murdered our men."

A top ranking police officer, who pleaded not to be named, blamed the Federal Government for the incessant killing of policemen in the country.