

Gunmen kill policeman, steal rifles

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There was tension in Asaba, Delta State, on Monday when a gang of hoodlums reportedly attacked a police team, killing one of the cops.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the gunmen overpowered the policemen during the gun duel which occurred around 8.26am.

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It was learnt that parents taking their children to schools and other commuters narrowly escaped death as the gun battle lasted for several hours.

Business activities were reportedly grounded during the period.

Five police operatives were said to be in the vehicle when the incident happened.

Our correspondent gathered that aside from killing a cop, the hoodlums, who were about 10 in number, fled with two AK-47 rifles.

One of the four injured policemen was also said to be in a critical condition at a hospital.

It was gathered that the policemen were attached to the 'C' Division.

A source said, "Two of the policemen were cut with machetes by the gunmen, while three others escaped with different degrees of injury. One of the attacked policemen later died in the hospital after losing a lot of blood."

Monday's ambush brings the number of attacks on police patrol teams in Asaba and its environs to three within a space of two months.

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The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Muhammad Mustafa, confirmed the incident.

He said some suspects had been arrested, adding that the command had started an investigation into the attack.

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