

Gunmen attack Imo police station, kill two cops, injure others

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Gunmen on Friday night attacked Obowo Divisional Police Headquarters, located at Umulowe autonomous community area of Imo State and killed two policemen who were on duty.

The hoodlums also injured three other cops who resisted them from gaining access into the headquarters.

Our correspondent learnt on Saturday that the incident caused panic in the area.

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This is even as security operatives drafted from the command's headquarters in Owerri, had taken over the area.

A source told *The PUNCH* that the hoodlums who operated in a vehicle met stiff opposition from policemen who were on duty when they tried to gain access into the police premises.

Displeased by the cops' action, the hoodlums opened fire at the officers, killing two policemen.

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Our correspondent also gathered that one of the hoodlums was killed in the gun duel.

The source said, "Two policemen died in the incident. Three were wounded. One of the hoodlums was also killed but they drove off with him. The policemen who were killed were the ones who repelled them. It was an unfortunate development."

Spokesperson for the state police command, Orlando Ikeokwu, confirmed when contacted that two policemen were killed by the hoodlums.

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He also said that the three other policemen who were wounded during the incident had been discharged from a local hospital where they were rushed and transferred to a better hospital in the state capital.

Ikeokwu told our correspondent that the command had drafted cracked teams of detectives in the area and had commenced investigation.

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