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Again, gunmen kill policemen, cart away rifles in Cross River

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Gunmen struck again in Cross River State on Wednesday, killing some policemen at two checkpoints and carting away their rifles.

It was gathered that the attack took place in the early hours at Ofatura and Onyadama in the Obubra Local Government Area of the state.

Initial reports indicated that six policemen and a soldier manning another checkpoint lost their lives during the attack.

The state police command confirmed the incident, but said two cops lost their lives, while a third one was injured.

The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Irene Ugbo, told our correspondent, “The casualty figure is not six. Two of our men were shot dead and two guns were taken away. One was injured. The gunmen tried to attack other divisions, but they didn’t succeed. It was in Obubra that they succeeded.”

A statement by Ugbo later said, “The Cross River State Police Command regrets and condemns the unfortunate attack on policemen by gunmen at two checkpoints in the Obubra LGA early hours of today, Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

“The command hereby refutes the trending news making the round that six policemen were killed in the said attack.

“This press statement is hereby issued to clear the air that two policemen lost their lives, one is injured and is responding to treatment.

“Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, S. K. Akande, calls for calm, while frantic efforts are ongoing to get to the root of this incident.

“The command enjoins residents and well-meaning Cross Riverians to view security as a collective venture by sharing genuine information with the police. We are resolute in making Cross River State peaceful for all and confront this security monster in the state headlong.”

The latest attack happened a week after four policemen were gunned down at a checkpoint in Calabar and two of their rifles taken away.

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