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Protesters, hoodlums raze Imo court, LG secretariat, police station

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The Imo State Police Command has begun investigation into the burning of the secretariat of the Ihitte/Uboma Local Government Area in Ishinweke on Tuesday.

Protesting youths also set ablaze a court inside the council secretariat.

The protesting youths had earlier razed the Ihitte/Uboma Divisional Police Headquarters at Ishinweke over the alleged killing of an indigene of the area by some policemen, who tried to make an arrest.

Eyewitnesses told our correspondent that the attackers operated in multiple vehicles.

PUNCH Metro also gathered that the vehicle of the Director of Public Prosecutions in the area was snatched by the rampaging youths.

Apart from the court and LG secretariat, some cars parked on the premises were also razed.

Our correspondent learnt that a businessman, who owned a Bet9Nija office in the area, had invited the police to arrest his salesgirl, who allowed a customer to place N100,000 bet on credit.

The source said, “A businessman called the police to arrest his salesgirl for allowing a customer place N100,000 bet on credit. The girl is asthmatic and had an attack while in police detention. The police accompanied the girl to her house to get her inhaler and unfortunately, the youth of the village attacked them.

“Two policemen were butchered and the police in anger killed one of the youth. Out of anger, the youth regrouped and burnt the Ihitte/Uboma Divisional Police Headquarters at Ishinweke.

“After two hours, hoodlums operating in vehicles came and burnt the local government council secretariat of Ihitte/Uboma. They also burnt the court on the premises. The vehicle of the DPP was snatched. All these things happened today (Tuesday).”

The police spokesperson in the state, Orlando Ikeokwu, said that the Commissioner of Police, Narisu Muhammed, had ordered an investigation into the incidents.

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