

Reprisal terrorists kill cop, Edo denies ISWAP link

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Map of Edo State

The Edo State Police Command said one of its men was killed in a reprisal by hoodlums.

In a statement by the command's deputy spokesperson, ASP Jennifer Iwegbu, it stated that in continuation of its ongoing bush combing strategy to rid the state of heinous crimes, especially kidnapping, it refuted claims that it was ISWAP that carried out the attack by fleeing bandits at Ibillo-Igarra Road Junction area of the state on Thursday.

Iwegbu stated, "You would recall that the anti-crime patrol team of the Ibillo division, Edo State attacked and killed five kidnapers on August 14, 2022, at Ughoshi-Afe bush, Ibillo in the Akoko Edo LGA.

"The team was ambushed by ravaging bandits while on another bush combing mission on September 22, 2022. The command believes this was a reprisal on our men who killed five of their gang members early last month. We lost an operative and a vehicle.

"After a thorough investigation in collaboration with other sister agencies, the command wishes to state that it's on top the situation as the CP has emplaced measure to that effect."

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It added that its tactical teams led by the Deputy Commissioner of Police Operations were currently carrying out an operation to bring the assailants to book.

The deputy spokesperson noted that efforts were being intensified to arrest the assailants.

Also, the state government debunked claims that members of ISWAP carried out attacks in the state.

The state Commissioner for Communication and Orientation, Chris Nehikhare, noted this in a statement on Saturday.