

Gunmen kill two during Anambra nightclub attack, injure others

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 Map of Anambra State

There was pandemonium at the Porsche Nightclub located in Oba, Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State, as some yet-to-be-identified armed hoodlums invaded the area, shot dead two persons and injured many others.

It was gathered that the incident happened late on Sunday when funseekers were catching some fun at the nightclub.

According to eyewitnesses, the hoodlums, said to be targeting to kidnap the club's owner, started shooting indiscriminately after they met stiff resistance from security personnel at the venue.

One of the eyewitnesses near the scene, who gave his name simply as Emeka, told *PUNCH Metro* that, "The gunmen attempted to kidnap the owner of the club, but were resisted by security men attached to the club.

"As a result of the resistance, the gunmen started shooting sporadically, shooting many people in the process. They also beheaded one of the security operatives who resisted them from kidnapping their target.

“They also fatally stabbed some of the security men who resisted them from taking the owner of the nightclub.”

Another source living around the scene, but who did not give her name, said the development created panic as residents of the area ran helter skelter while those who had gone out of the community for one function or the other remained outside until the following morning.

“We live beside the hotel; it was a scary moment last night. The gunmen suddenly started shooting indiscriminately. There were a lot of fatalities. Many sustained various degrees of injuries during the attack.

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“The gunmen also cut off one of the legs of another security man and ran away with it before the police arrived the scene. Many of the residents who had gone out for one function or the other did not return home until the following morning.”

A source also disclosed that the owner of the night club (name withheld), was kidnapped alongside five persons after the shooting.

He said they were yet to hear from the kidnappers.

“Pray for our brother. After heavy gunshots at his club for over one hour, and after killing so many people, he was kidnapped with some people. Pray for his safety,” he added.

When contacted on Monday, the spokesperson for the Anambra State Police command, DSP Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the incident, but said two persons were killed.

Ikenga said, “Yes, the incident happened. Our men responded to a distress call following a shooting incident that occurred at a nightclub known as Posch in Oba. But when the security operatives arrived the scene, the hoodlums had already fled and we were able to recover two yet-to-be-identified corpses.

“Two vigilantes, including the hotel security guards, also sustained fatal injuries from the gun shots. Three other persons also sustained gunshot wounds. We are currently monitoring the situation and calm has returned to Oba community.

“Some of the eyewitnesses have given us information that is helpful and for now, no arrest has been made and peace has returned to Oba and the people are willing to help us with that information that we are currently working on.”

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