

Gunmen kill two guards, cop,

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IN two separate attacks, gunmen on Tuesday night and in the wee hours of Wednesday, killed two vigilante members guarding Isiala Mbano Local Government Area headquarters, and a policeman after setting ablaze the Obowo Police Station in Imo State.

PUNCH Metro gathered on Wednesday that the gunmen also burnt some vehicles parked at the council premises.

Our correspondent gathered from an eyewitness who spoke on the condition of anonymity that the "gunmen stormed the secretariat around 8:30 pm on Tuesday and shot sporadically, killing two vigilante members on duty and setting part of the council building on fire."

Confirming the incident, another eyewitness who spoke to PUNCH Metro said, "Two security men at the Isiala Mbano council headquarters have been shot dead. The gunmen also set ablaze a larger portion of the council building and several



Imo CP, Danjuma

vehicles parked on the premises. Many others escaped with various degrees of injuries."

There was palpable fear in Umuelemai, the Isiala Mbano LGA headquarters, because people ran away to neighbouring villages for fear of being killed."

In the early Wednesday attack, the gunmen razed the Obowo

Police Station and killed an unnamed police officer by the NEPA Junction, Umulogho, Obowo Local Government Area.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the gunmen dragged the police officer out of his residence and killed him with a machete, subsequently cutting his throat and wrist.

An eyewitness, who pleaded with our correspondent

to remain unnamed, said, "The gunmen were not in a haste to leave as they made sure that no police officer was found living in that compound. They left after about 45 minutes of their unhindered operation, shooting sporadically to scare away residents."

When contacted on

Wednesday, the Imo State Police Public Relations Officer, Henry Okoye, said the perpetrators of the heinous crimes would be apprehended and made to face

Ondo hunter

Peter Dada, Akure

THE Ondo State Police Command has arrested a man, Ajegba Joseph, for attempting to kill a rival whom he met at his girlfriend's house at Ikun-Akoko in Akoko South-West Local Government Area of the state.

The suspect, a hunter, allegedly shot the victim, who is also a hunter, in the leg while the latter was having sex with his girlfriend in the woman's bedroom.

Parading the suspect and other suspects at the state headquarters of the command, in Akure on Wednesday, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Abayomi Oladipupo, said Joseph allegedly committed the offence and was arrested last month.

He said, "A case of attempted

market on Tuesday night.

It was learnt that the operation was initiated following

"The suspects, in a desperate attempt to evade arrest, resorted to fleeing into the storm drug peddling and other crimina

raze Imo police station

the full weight of the law. He said the command's tactical team had been deployed to the areas to assure residents of protection of lives and property.

He said, "We are in pursuit of the perpetrators of the heinous crimes. They would be apprehended and made to face the full weight of the law soon."

Reacting to the multiple attacks, a human rights advocate, Nnaemeka Onyejiuwa of the Citizens Centre for Integrated Development and Social Rights,

said, "These are attacks too many. The government at all levels and the Imo State Police Command should beef up security towards the protection of lives and property in the state.

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arrested for shooting rival having sex with girlfriend

murder was reported to the police. The victim went to his friend (a woman) who is a divorcee, in her house. One Ajegba Joseph, 'm', a hunter, aged 38 years, who is also having an affair with the woman, went to visit her on the same day in possession of an unlicensed single-barrel gun.

"However, upon sighting the victim with the woman in bed, the suspect shot the victim through the window side. The suspect was arrested and the barrel gun recovered with an expended cartridge, while the victim rescued by the police is currently recuperating at the hospital."

Speaking on why he committed the offence, the suspect said he was disappointed and angered to see his colleague having sex with his girlfriend.

He said, "I went out hunting after I had taken some bottles of beer, but I ran out of cartridges. I wanted to return to the house of my girlfriend to sleep there. When I got there, I saw the door locked. I now went to the window and I opened it and saw a co-hunter sleeping with my girlfriend. That was why I shot the gun in my hand."

The police boss also paraded

a 17-year-old Philip Emmanuel, who was allegedly involved in the killing of a businesswoman, Mrs Deborah Adene, at her residence, in Akure in July. According to the CP, the suspect is one of the employees of the deceased.

Oladipupo stated, "On the afternoon of July 28, 2024, officers at the Oda Division Police Headquarters received an unsettling report. A foul odour

had been noticed coming from the apartment of Mrs Adene Iyabode Deborah, a well-known caterer who had not been seen in days. Officers rushed to the scene, where they discovered a grim sight — the mutilated body of Mrs Deborah on her bed. Nearby, a blood-stained machete and a mobile phone hinted at the violence that had taken place.

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Mother, two children arrested for maltreating 75-year-old father in Anambra

Ikenna Obianeri, Awka

THE Anambra State government through the security operatives, has arrested a mother and her two children for beating their 75-year-old father, identified as Romanus Obidigwe.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the culprits, Esther Obidigwe, Ozioma Obidigwe, and Obuka

