

Horror in Imo as gunmen bomb Ohanaeze PG home, police division

...Kill 2 policemen, raze 7 vehicles

- Uzodimma blames bombing of Obiozor's home on politicians
- As Kalu, Ahamba, MASSOB condemn attack

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It was a day of horror in Imo State yesterday as unknown gunmen returned, bombing the home of the President General of Ohanaeze Ndigbo, Prof George Obiozor, in Oru East Local Government Area of the state and the Umuguma Police Division in Owerri-west council, killing two policemen.

The gunmen, it was gathered, threw explosives at Prof Obiozor's home to set his house ablaze.

A source from the community told Sunday Sun that although the Igbo leader was not at home when the intruders came, but the CCTV cameras in his home captured the attack.

"Thank God our leader was not at home when they came, they were many, they were shooting when they came and threw something like a bomb inside the compound," the source said.

Also, in the early hours of Saturday, unknown gunmen attacked the Police Division headquarters at Umuguma, Owerri-west Local Government Area of Imo State, killing two police officers.

The gunmen also razed the roof of the station and seven vehicles, including police operational vehicles parked in the station.

When our reporter visited the Umuguma police division about 9:00a.m yesterday, some women were seen wailing over the death of the two slain policemen whose dead bodies were placed in a waiting ambulance.

One of the officers on night duty who craved anonymity

told our reporter that he escaped death by the whiskers as his two other colleagues also on duty with him were killed.

According to him, "it was around 2:00a.m because I was on night duty at the state together with Ifeanyi and Iyke who were unfortunately killed by the gunmen.

"It was a surprise attack because the gunmen opened a bar-

rage of gunfire from outside the station followed by the throwing of explosives into the premises.

"I immediately knew that these people were professionals before they started jumping into the station and throwing explosives into the vehicles parked at the station. I crawled on my stomach to avoid being hit by the barrage of gunfire before scaling the fence at the back of the sta-

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tion and escaped.

"But Ifeanyi who is also an indigene of Umuguma like me was not that lucky because he was macheted to death by the gunmen. Iyke who is from Avu community and one of

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Brace up for herculean job ahead, Akeredolu tells Soludo

...As he welcomes him to Southern Governors Forum

From Bamigbola Gbolagunte, Akure

CHAIRMAN of the Southern Governors' Forum (SGF) and Ondo State Governor, Mr Rotimi Akeredolu has congratulated the Anambra State Governor, Prof. Charles Soludo on his inauguration as the executive Governor of the state even as he lauded Ndi Anambra for the peaceful transition to a new administration.

The SGF chairman, who charged Soludo to brace up for the herculean job ahead, noted that the security and economic challenges in the southern part of the country and the nation at

large require joint efforts and unalloyed commitment.

He said: "We rejoice with our brother, Prof. Chukwuma Charles Soludo and we welcome him to the Southern Governors Forum. We are confident of his track records and his ability to provide the right leadership for the people of Anambra State.

"We look forward to his viable and rich contributions to the development of Southern Nigeria because his vast experience spanning the economy and human capital management is a great asset to behold. We have no doubt, therefore, that he will deploy his wealth of experience for the good of

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our people.

"We are particularly enamoured by Governor Soludo's palpable passion for home-grown economic growth through effective mobilisation of resources for development. For us in the SGF, a fresh and resourceful addition has berthed for the upholding of our ideals and common course.

"We are confident that owing to his background, Prof Soludo will expend time and resources to justify the trust of the people of the state who

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2023: 260 ex-councillors reiterate support for Ugwuanyi

THE immediate past 260 councillors in Enugu State have reiterated their unflinching support and solidarity to Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, come 2023 elections as the leader of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), not only in the state but also in the entire South East geo-political zone.

The former councillors who gave the endorsement when they paid a solidarity visit to Ugwuanyi at the Government House, Enugu, described the

governor as a good teacher and father to all, disclosing that they have learnt a lot from his uncommon leadership style.

They commended Ugwuanyi for teaching them a quality leadership style, especially in the areas of peace and good governance.

The immediate past councillors expressed their unreserved gratitude to the governor for the opportunity he gave them to serve under his

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administration.

They equally appreciated Gov. Ugwuanyi "for the peace and normalcy your administration has enthroned in the entire Enugu State."

The former councillors further thanked the governor "for the peaceful atmosphere under which Enugu State Local Government elections were conducted."