

# Sit-at-home: Blood flows in S'East

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- **Policemen, pregnant woman, 8 others killed**
- **2 expatriates kidnapped**
- **Imo commissioner macheted**
- **Police van, market, shops burnt**

**THE** sit-at-home order issued by the Simon Ekpa faction of IPOB turned bloody last Friday across Imo and in Enugu states as gunmen wrecked havoc at various locations in Imo and Enugu states.

Sunday Sun learnt that no fewer than three policemen were killed, alongside a pregnant woman and eight others. A police van, market, shops and goods were also burnt in the process.

① In Imo, the gunmen

stormed Mbaitoli near Owerri killing Prince, IHEME the elder brother of a popular Nollywood actor, Osita IHEME, aka Pawpaw. The victim was shot dead while riding in the same vehicle with the state Commissioner for Solid Minerals, Martins Eke. Eke received machete cuts from the attackers.

② A policeman was also shot dead at 7up Junction, in Orji.

③ The sit-at-home enforcers also took their brutality to a location along Owerri-Okigwe Road where they killed four persons.

They later kidnapped two expatriates supervising the ongoing construction of the Phase 11 of the Owerri-Okigwe Road.

④ The kidnap victims were said to have been taken at Umunachi in Isiala-Mbano LGA of the state after two persons suspected to be their security aides were shot.

It was not clear whether the victims were killed or wounded in the shooting incident.

⑤ At Umuna junction, the gunmen were reported to have also killed two other persons.

Although no life was lost at

Uruala in Ideato North LGA of the state, gunmen believed to be enforcing the sit-at-home order razed markets and shops in the area.

At Mgbidi community in Oru East, the enforcers shot sporadically to disperse traders.

⑥ It was learnt that some police officers were allegedly killed in a shootout with the gunmen, while the police neutralised many of the bandits, forcing the survivors among them to flee with bullet injuries.

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