Gunmen kill 2 policemen in Imo

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Gunmen have killed two policemen attached to the Mobile Police Force (MPF 18)along Gariki way, Okigwe Local Government, Imo State.

Sources from the area revealed that the gunmen attacked the policemen who were on patrol duty yesterday.

The source said that the gunmen, who were in large numbers opened fire on the officers and killed two on the spot and wounded others.

Imo state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Henry Okoye, described the attack as unfortunate, but said that efforts were underway to apprehend the perpetrators.

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"The incident that happened in Okigwe is a very unfortunate one. Commissioner of Police Aboki Danjuma has strongly condemned the attack and gruesome murder of two of our personnel. These officers, attached to Mopol 18, Owerri, were deployed on routine patrol duty."

Okoye added that the CP in company with Commander Mopol 18 and other senior officers were at scene of the incident for an on-the-spot assessment.

"We have deployed tactical teams and charged them to go all out, in synergy with the military, to hunt down the hoodlums responsible for this senseless act of violence," he said.

The incident has increased concerns about the security situation in the region, with residents calling for urgent measures to curb the spate of targeted attacks on security personnel.