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Four policemen attached to the Delta State Police Command have been attacked by irate youths at a check-point in Asaba, the state capital, at Bonsaac Junction, along the Asaba/ Onitsha Expressway. The victims were said to have sustained injuries of various degrees and currently placed on life support at an undisclosed hospital within Asaba.

This is the third of its kind in the past one year within Asaba metropolis. In the previous attacks, two policemen were killed and their rifles carted away. The youths, armed themselves with machetes and other dangerous weapons, swooped on the policemen during their stop and search routine. For fear of the unknown, residents flee the area after the four service guns of the policemen, including two AK47, were forcefully snatched from them. It was gathered that one of the policemen died of bleeding as they were being rushed to the hospital for treatment.

The panic the incident generated in the locality forced armed police operatives to raid the area as they arrested many youths. An eyewitness said: "We don't know what triggered the crisis. The hoodlums, numbering 11 (Eleven) used machete on some policemen and the policemen were rushed to the hospital through the assistance of residents of the area. One of the victims was in serious coma as he was bleeding profusely."

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The source confirmed that they snatched their guns. The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Onome Onowakpoyeya, in Asaba, yesterday said she was yet to receive the details of the attack.

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