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2 policemen feared killed in Imo as gunmen attack station

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THE Njaba Divisional Police Headquarters located at Unuaka of Njaba Local Government Area of Imo State has been burnt down by some gunmen, who attacked the area on Friday night.

During the attack two police officers of the station were allegedly killed, with the neighbourhood witnessing heavy sporadic shootings.

Sunday Tribune also gathered that a male corpse with a severed head and one leg was discovered dumped in the community by persons suspected to be the gun-

The video clips posted in some social media platform showed the burnt police building.

An indigene of the community who pleaded not to be identified confirmed the incident to **Sunday Tribune** in Owerri on Saturday.

He said the entire community was turned into a war zone following the magnitude of the shootings.

When contacted the Police Command Public Relations Officer, CSP Michael Abatham, denied the incident and the killing of two police officers.

However, the Operational Restore Peace team of the Imo State Police Command said it had repelled

an armed bandits attack at Njaba town.

The state Commissioner of Police, CP Abutu Yaro, disclosed this through a statement issued by Abatham.

He said that the convoy of the bandits was moving towards Njaba town to launch an attack but was intercepted by Operation Restore Peace team of the Nigeria Police, Imo State Command.

The CP said that during a shootout which ensued immediately, one of the bandits' operational vehicles was demobilised and two of them neutralised, while the remaining ones scammed into the bush.

According to the CP, one AK 47 rifle with ten rounds of live ammunition and a

locally made double barrel pistol with two expended cartridges were recovered.

The Police boss said that the team detonated an Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) into the parking lots of a nearby Njaba Police Station causing minimal damage.

Yaro said that cordon and pursuant exercise was on going, while advising members of the public residing in the area not to panic as the ongoing Police clearance operation was designed to root out violent criminals in that axis.

He appealed to the public to avail the Police of information of persons seen treating bullet wounds or hiding within the community.

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Imo: Three feared dead as gunmen burn police station

A Police division at Umuaka, in the Njaba Local Government Area, Imo State, was Friday night burnt by yet to be identified assailants.

The heavily armed attackers also torched the residential quarters of the policemen working at the division destroying it completely.

Two Police officers reportedly lost their lives in the attack while another yet-to-be-identified victim believed to be a civilian was killed, decapitated and dumped at Okwudor junction in the same Njaba

LGA. Okwudor junction is about 10 minutes drive from the burnt Police division.

Residents of Umuaka and Okwudor lamented non-stop shooting in the areas all through Friday night thereby

subjecting them to a sleepless night dominated by the reports of heavy gunfire by the unknown assailants.

It was also observed that no fewer than five Police patrol vehicles were razed to

ashes in the premises of the Divisional Headquarters at Umuaka.

A local from the Umuaka community, who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity said that

several members of his community spent a greater part of the night in the bush for fear of being attacked by the gunmen whose mission as at the time of the shooting was unknown.