

# Two policemen killed, 2 others missing, lawmaker shot in Ebonyi communal war

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**A**t least two policemen have been feared dead and two others missing in Effium, Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State when warlords attacked them in the community.

Three other policemen were said to have been injured with the member representing Ohaukwu North constituency in the state House of Assembly, Hon. Chinedu Awo also shot by the warlords.

Awo and the injured policemen are currently receiving treatment in a hospital in the state.

The people of Effium and Ezza Effium in the Effium community have been at war since January this year with many lives lost and properties worth billions of naira destroyed.

Governor Dave Umahi made several efforts to end the war but the war persisted with continued killings and abductions in the area.

Three weeks ago, a consultant handling the ring road project of the state government in the area was abducted alongside four persons that were with him when they were supervising the project.

The consultant and the four persons have not been seen since their abduction.

On Sunday, some policemen with Hon. Chinedu Awo were attacked in the area when they went in search

of the kidnapped Consultant and the four persons.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Loveth Odah confirmed the Sunday attack on the policemen and the lawmaker.

She said "on 28/11/2021 at about 1340hrs while the police operatives were returning from investigation activities in connection with the three missing engineers who were abducted in the same area on November 3, 2021 while on ring road site project, the operatives were in the company of Hon. Chinedu Awo a member representing Ohaukwu North Constituency in the State House of Assembly who accompanied the operatives to enable him to dialogue with the warriors at Igbuduoke village in Effium/Ezza clan 'the warring community' in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of the state, they were ambushed by armed warriors numbering over sixty (60) who attacked them from all flanks, but the operatives gallantry fought back, resulting in heavy casualties on the side of the attackers.

"However, DSP Bruno Chukwu and two others sustained bullet



Police team

wound injuries and are currently responding to treatment, while two police officers by name, Sergeant Donatus Osugwu and Sergeant Thaddeus Ugoeze are suspected to have been abducted by the hoodlums as they were discovered missing in action.

"Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police Ebonyi State Command, CP Aliyu Garba led a convoy of about seven teams on reinforcement where they cordoned the forest and searched the village, but could not see the missing officers nor the perpetrators. Efforts are in top gear to ensure the perpetrators are tracked down and arrested," she said.