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Police officer, civilian killed as hoodlums attack patrol team, injure DPO, others

The Oyo State Police Commissioner, Mr. Adebawale Williams, has confirmed the killing of the Divisional Crime Officer attached to Igangan Divisional Police Headquarters and a civilian, and injuring to the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and a police inspector by some hoodlums.

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CP Williams who disclosed this yesterday said the incident happened on Tuesday at Igangan in the Oke Ogun zone of Oyo State, added however that an arrest has been made and

that the Command would make examples of the masterminds of the dastardly act.

In a release made available to *New Telegraph* by the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Adewale Osifeso (SP), the Command said that the unfortunate incident led to the loss of life of an Officer and a male civilian with two others seriously injured on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

The release said, "Preliminary Investigation revealed that in compliance to the stop and search directives on unregistered motorcycles and overcrowded pillions to reduce the spate of robberies and abductions in the axis, operatives of the Command attached to Igangan Divisional Police Headquarters while on

legitimate duties along Elejoka-Igangan Road, Iwajowa LGA, were attacked by hoodlums who were clearly opposed, not only to the directive, but as well the relative tranquility in the axis.

"In furtherance of the above, and in a bid to drive home their point, the officers were attacked unprovoked by the assailants, thus leading to the death of the Divisional Crime Officer and a civilian in custody in the process of repelling the hoodlums from invading the Divisional Police Headquarters at Igangan after forcing themselves into the town.

"Also, the Divisional Police Officer and a Police Inspector sustained several lacerations from machete cuts and are currently being stabilised at a government hospital," he said.

Meanwhile, the CP has ordered full scale investigations into the matter with the Deputy Commissioner of Police in Charge of the State Criminal Investigation Department leading the team.

The Command disclosed that updates would be provided as the investigation continues, adding that, "In cases of emergency, the Command can always be reached through these emergency control room numbers: 615 (toll free) (OYO STATE SECURITY TRUST FUND), and Oyo State Police Command emergency lines 07055495413 and 08081768614.

"The NPF rescue me app is also available for free download on both Android and Apple IOS, for Android and iPhone users respectively," the Command said.



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