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Two local vigilance group members and a gun man reportedly died yesterday when dare devil gunmen in the early hours of the day attacked and burnt the Ihiala Local Government Area Headquarters in Anambra State.

Reports had it that the gunmen stormed the area at about 1.30 am firing gun shots and exchanging fire with the local vigilance group which they over powered before gaining entrance into the local government premises.

The gunmen headed for the Administrative block of the council area and burnt down the building.

Also burnt down were the office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), the Civil Defence building, the National Youth Service Corps office and the Health department of the council area.

Residents in the area reported that the shooting was heavy which lasted for about three hours and in the process two members of the Ihiala local vigilance group were shot dead while the gunmen lost

Anambra: Gunmen kill 3 security operatives, behead 1 in attack on Ihiala LGA

...JTF neutralises 1 gunman, recover arms

one of their gang members in the shootout.

Recall that the gunmen had attacked the Ihiala Police Division office about two weeks ago before the recent attack.

The gunmen after executing their plot were said to have escaped to neighboring Orlu town in Imo State where it was alleged that they came from.

When the Joint Task Force on Security came to the scene of the incident, the gunmen were far gone and could not be found in the area.

Similarly, the gunmen had attacked and burnt down the home of the Deputy Speaker Anambra State House of Assembly as well as two buildings belonging to the President General of Osumoghu Community in Nnewi South Local Government Area.

Meanwhile, the Anambra State Police Command has said it recovered arms and ammunition during

a gun battle between it and the gunmen.

According to a release by the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Tochukwu Ikenga three security operatives died during the exchange of fire at Ihiala Local Government Headquarters.

"Following the Police/Military operations ongoing in ihaila and its neighboring town, the Operatives responding to a distress call at about 2:55 am, today 12/1/2023 of an attack on Ihiala Local Government Headquarters, neutralised one of the attackers, recovered two locally made IED luncher, seven undetonated IED, forty pieces of live cartridges, fifteen live 7.62MM Ak47 ammunition, knives, charms, and other dangerous weapons."

"The attackers had already murdered three vigilante operatives on duty, beheaded one and set five buildings ablaze with IED and petrol bombs. The joint force



The administrative block

operatives engaged the arsonist/attackers, and obstructed them from causing further damages, while some escaped with bullet wounds."

"The bodies of the victims were recovered and joint operations are still ongoing. Further development shall be communicated," he said.

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