

# Aba community panic as hoodlums kill Police Inspector in shootout

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**T**he densely populated Ndiegoro neighborhood in Aba South Local Government Area of Abia State was yesterday afternoon thrown into turmoil following a shootout between police and some hoodlums.

As a result of the shootout, a Police Inspector from the Ndiegoro Police Division (Cameroon Barracks) was killed, while police also neutralised two of the hoodlums.

When *New Telegraph* visited the

area yesterday evening following the calming of tension and hostility, residents told our correspondent that the hoodlums were members of the dreaded Aro Cult group that have been terrorising Aba and its environs.

However, information from a senior police officer at the Aba Area Command where Ndiegoro Division falls under stated otherwise.

The senior officer said that the hoodlums that engaged the police in the shootout were members of the Eastern Security Network (ESN).

He said that the hoodlums after killing the Police officer and injuring others also lost two of their own, but made away with one AK47 rifle of the slain Police Inspector.

"The Police officer who was killed by the hoodlums was on his official routine patrol duty with his colleagues along Umuanyogu Street, Iheorji Ohanku Road, Aba when the hoodlums who were over 200 in number chanting war-like songs besieged and blocked their Patrol van singing about Biafra.

"It's bad that when the police are killed nobody talks about it, but when a citizen who attacked the police dies in the act people rise against the police and call them all sorts of names," he said.

Speaking to our correspondent, a resident of the Iheorji community where the incident took place said that the incident occurred around 1PM when some police officers from the Ndiegoro Police Division were allegedly on their usual patrol and extortion on the road.

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