

Violence also spread in Awka, Onitsha and Nnewi in Anambra State yesterday.

A police officer was beheaded and burnt to ashes by suspected hoodlums in Nnewi.

The state police spokesperson, Mr. Haruna Mohammed, who confirmed this in a statement, said three others sustained various degrees of injuries.

He said five persons were attacked in Onitsha and taken to the hospital for medical attention where three have been confirmed dead while two others were receiving treatment.

He further disclosed the protesters attacked Nnewi Police Station, set it ablaze and vandalised patrol vehicles and other exhibits.

Mohammed listed other police formations attacked to include Nnewi Area Command, 3-3 Division, Ogbunike/Isiuwulu, Nnobi, and Itchy Divisions as well as peoples club police post.

Reacting to the developments, the state governor, Obiano, declared 24-hour curfew starting from 8 pm yesterday.

The governor also announced that the sum of N200 million had been mapped out for compensation of families and victims of disbanded SARS/police brutality, upon recommendation by the Judicial Panel of Inquiry.