

## NEWS

# Gunmen Attack Health Centre in Anambra, Kill Policeman, Injure Patients

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Unidentified gunmen attacked a health centre in Eziam-Uli, Ihiala Local Government Area of Anambra State on Wednesday, and injured patients who had gathered for a medical outreach.

A source said the medical outreach was being organised by a group, Uli Global Ambassadors for Development Initiative (ULIGADI), and that patients who besieged the centre were already receiving treatment when the gunmen invaded the facility.

The source said the gunmen invaded the facility, shooting sporadically while patients who came for the exercise and the administrators of the medical outreach scamped for safety.

An official of ULIGADI told journalists that one police man was killed while a second police man was found still breathing when the gunmen left, but a third has not been found.

He said: "I don't have much

to say at the moment but I will discuss with the chairman to advise the house.

"One officer died after the unfortunate incident. The second officer is at the hospital receiving medical attention.

"We are looking for the third officer who has since left Eziam. The recovery team is underway to rescue him from the community."

Meanwhile, a source told THISDAY that the policemen attacked were from 19 Police Mobile Force (19 PMF). The dead policeman was identified Inspector Ezekiel Aliyu while the name of the injured police officer was not ascertained, but said to have bullets lodged in most parts of his body, and was already recuperating in an undisclosed hospital.

When contacted, the Spokesperson of the Anambra State Police Command, DSP. Toochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the incident, saying that the command was already working to unravel the identity of the attackers.

He said: "What happened

at Eziam Uli yesterday (Wednesday), is an example of the sacrifice we pay as police

officers in service to the nation and humanity. The details of the incident are still sketchy

but it involved police personnel providing security services. "Police Operatives have

cordoned off the area and operation is ongoing. Further details shall be communicated."



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