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Gunmen have attacked operatives of the Anambra Vigilance Services, killing three of them. The incident happened in Ihiala Local Government Area in Anambra State, yesterday morning, at about 2.00am.



one of the gunmen was killed by police operatives when they were confronted.

Spokesperson for the Anambra State Police command, DSP Toochukwu Ikenga, who confirmed the incident said: "Following the Police/Military operations ongoing in Ihaila and its neighboring town, operatives responded to a distress call at about 2:55 am.

"The attack was on Ihiala local government headquarters, and one of the attacker was neutralised, and operatives recovered two locally made IED launcher, seven undetonated IED, 40 pieces of live cartridges, 15 live 7.62MM Ak47 ammunition, knives, charms, and other dangerous weapons."

Ikenga said as at the time police operatives responded to the call, the attackers had already murdered, three vigilante operatives on duty and beheaded one, while setting five buildings ablaze with IED and petrol bombs.

He said: "The joint force 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."

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