

Police Kill Five Gunmen during Attack on Station in Anambra

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Police in Anambra State yesterday killed five gunmen believed to be members of the same gang of criminals involved in several attacks on its facilities in the state.

The gang has been involved in several attacks on police and INEC facilities, using petrol bombs and other improvised explosive devices.

THISDAY gathered that the

men had yesterday morning attacked the Police Divisional Headquarters, Nkwelle-Ezunaka in Oyi LGA.

A resident of the area said that "there was heavy shooting around 5a.m. and the hoodlums were shouting no election in Biafraland."

"When I came out around 7a.m., I saw about five dead bodies said to be corpses of the unknown gunmen killed by the police during the gun duel. A bank opposite the police station was

shattered with bullets. Some shops around there were also torched. I believe more people died in the incident. It was heavy shooting."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Ikenga Tochukwu, who confirmed the incident, said: "The combined security team, made up of the

police and the military, today (Sunday) 19/2/2023 by 5:58 a.m., neutralised a gang of five armed men, recovered two Ak47 rifles, one Toyota Sienna vehicle with Reg No Abuja ABC 848 EQ, charms and other incriminating items, in a response to a distress call on an attack at 33 Police Divisional

Headquarters, Nkwelle-Ezunaka, Oyi LGA.

"During the gun duel, unfortunately, one police operative attached to the station was fatally wounded and an office in the facility was partially affected by the petrol bomb which the armed men threw inside the station. Also,

one patrol vehicle parked in front of the station was set ablaze by the gunmen.

"The situation is under control and the incident is still being assessed. Meanwhile, Joint operations are still ongoing and further development shall be communicated."

NDLEA Intercepts Europe-bound 58kg Cocaine, Meth in Lagos, Abuja

Michael Olugbode in Abuja

Operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement

Agency (NDLEA) intercepted 58kg of cocaine and methamphetamine at the International Airport, Lagos; Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja and some courier companies.

anti-narcotics agency, Femi Babafemi, disclosed that at least three traders at the Trade Fair Complex in Ojo

precursor chemical and active ingredient for the production of methamphetamine, concealed in bunches of fishing threads