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Youths kill 2 policemen, injure 9 in A-Ibom

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By Tom Moses

Two policemen, an inspector and corporal, have been reportedly shot dead, while nine others sustained various degrees of injuries, following the invasion of a police station in Okoroete, the headquarters of Eastern Obolo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, by armed youths suspected to be from Andoni, a neighbouring community, in Rivers State.

It was gathered that the hoodlums, numbering over 10, stormed the police station and attempted to disarm the deceased police officers, but met

resistance, prompting the other hoodlums to open fire on the officers, killing two of them on the spot.

Although the cause of the incident could not be ascertained at press time, it would be noted that the area had been volatile in recent times, following the communal clash between Amazaba community in Eastern Obolo and Ikot Akpan Udo in Ikot Abasi Local Government Area.

A chieftain of the area, Chief M. W. Ujile, told *Vanguard*: “I do not know what might have propelled the hoodlums to take such action against the police.”

State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, ASP Cordelia Nwawe, who confirmed the incident, expressed surprise over the incident.

While disclosing that one suspect had been arrested, the PPRO implored members of the public, who have knowledge of the armed youths, to report to the police for necessary action.

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