

2 policemen, civilian feared dead as gunmen sack police station in Edo

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BENIN CITY—TWO policemen and a civilian were killed Monday evening after gunmen invaded the police station in Igueben, Igueben Local Government Area, LGA of Edo State and carted away arms and ammunition.

Several other people were said to have sustained serious injuries in the process.

Though police denied any death, it was gathered that the gunmen attacked the station with substances suspected to be explosives, broke into the armoury and carted away arms.

The attack happened less than 24 hours after the Commissioner of Police, Johnson Kokumo issued a seven-day ultimatum to suspected hoodlums, who hijacked the peaceful #EndSARS protests in Edo State to return all stolen arms, ammunition and other items or face dire consequences.

The attack caused panic and protest among the residents as the leadership of

the council ordered all council workers to stay at home.

The protesting residents condemned the attack and called for full investigation.

One of the residents told *Vanguard* yesterday that "The attackers came around 7:30 pm and threw explosives into the station which made it easy for them to gain entry. They killed three persons, including two policemen and a civilian. A police Inspector, a constable and a civilian were killed and the men got into the armoury and carted away arms. The council chairman has ordered that workers should remain at home and called for full investigation."

But the State Command Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Chidi Nwabuzor, said there was no fatality in the attack.

In a statement, he said: "During the gun duel, one of the suspected armed robbers was shot dead, two policemen were wounded and they were taken to the hospital. One motorcycle, suspected to belong to the robbers was confiscated by the police. No policeman were killed."