

Officer killed as gunmen attack 2 police stations in A-Ibom

A NOTHER police officer, yesterday, paid the supreme price as he was killed when gunmen attacked two police stations in Etim Ekpo LGA of Akwa Ibom State.

The police officer, Edogi Bassey, with others fought gallantly to repel the gunmen that invaded their station, but in the process, he was fell by the gun of the bandits reportedly armed with AK-47 rifles and other dangerous weapons.

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Odiko MacDon, who confirmed the attack, said the gunmen, who came in two vehicles, first attacked Etim Ekpo area command, where the police officer was killed.

The PPRO said the gunmen later proceeded to the Ika divisional police station, where they were repelled by the security operatives.

A statement by MacDon said: "At about 6:30 am today (Wednesday), armed men, in their numbers, armed with AK-47 rifles and other dangerous weapons, in two vehicles attacked the rented building housing the Etim Ekpo Area Command and Division," a

statement by MacDon read.

"The undaunted and vigilant police officers on duty gallantly fought back, repelled them and averted the intended carnage. Unfortunately, a dedicated officer, one PC Edogi Bassey, paid the supreme price while a small portion of the building was touched.

"The gunmen, who proceeded to Ika Division to perpetuate their nefarious activities, were successfully, again, repelled leaving the station intact without loss of lives or arms."

MacDon added that the worrisome trend of attacks on police is being addressed by the authorities and that it requires the support of all.

"The Commissioner of Police, Amiengheme Andrew, who is going round formations and divisions to ensure alertness and safety of officers, men and the people has called on law-abiding citizens to volunteer timely information that will enable the police tackle the present security challenges."

The incident is the latest in a series of attacks on police officers and security facilities in the state.