

## News



# Gunmen kill Policeman during gun battle in A-Ibom

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**UYO**—A Mobile police officer was yesterday killed as gunmen suspected to be members of the Eastern Security Network, ESN, attacked a police station in Ini Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

It was gathered that the police officer was killed during a gun battle with the hoodlums, which lasted several minutes.

According to a source, who pleaded anonymity, one of the gang members, identified as Imo John Udo, was arrested while several others escaped with bullet wounds.

The source added that the armed men stormed the area about 4:30 am with motorcycles and opened fire directly at the police officers, who returned fire but one of them fell by the bandits' bullets.

According to the source, many of the hoodlums abandoned their motorcycle and charms as they fled the scene of the incident.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Odiko MacDon, who confirmed the report, said the Commissioner of Police, Mr Andrew Amiengheme, has ordered men of the *Operation Restore Peace* to comb the bushes for possible arrest of the fleeing members of the gang.

"But one of our men, who participated in the operation, was hit. He was taken to the hospital at Ikot Ekpene Local Government Area, unfortunately, he gave up the ghost."