## Gunmen kill policeman, kidnap vigilante chieftain in Anambra

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policeman was Sunday reportedly alledbygunmen, who dispossessed him of his rifle, at Ogidi community in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State, just as four vehicles were set ablaze, yesterday, at the Broadcasting Service, ABS Radio and Television station, at Awada area of Onitsha.

It was gathered that the Police were reportedly ambushed by the gunmen near Ogidi Town Hall where the police normally have a checkpoint.

The state police spokesperson, DSP Toochukwu Ikenga, while confirming the incident, yesterday, said therewas a gun battle between the policemen and some hoodlums, which led to a fatal wound on one of the policemen.

He said: "Information before me states that on 29/05/2022, some police operatives on observation patrol along Abatete Expressway, Ogidi engaged some armed hoodlums but unfortunately, during the gun duel, one of the police operatives was fatally wounded and due to the superior fire of the police, the gunmen were made to fleethe scene."

## ...strike at ABS, set 4 vehicles ablaze

Meanwhile, the Anambra State Broadcasting Service, ABS Radio and Television station domiciled in Awada area of Onitsha was attacked, yesterday, by gunmen.

It was gathered that the gunmen forced the gate of the station open before heading towards the broadcasting studio where they set about four vehicles ablaze.

Asource said as they were about to set the buildings housing the radio and television studios ablaze, one of the gunmen stopped others and asked that they should leave immediately because they had some other places to visit.

In a similar development, hoodlums numbering about four, kidnapped the Chairman of the vigilante of Ukwulu community, in Dunukofia Local Council, Mr Kachy Ilodiqwe.

It was gathered that Ilodigwe was returning from a function when the armed men double-crossed him with their car and whisked him off.

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