

Robbers kill, burn 3 policemen

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THREE police men attached to Anambra State Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) were yesterday shot dead at Umunze by armed robbers who allegedly invaded the state from Okigwe, Imo State.

Names of the affected officers were not readily available as at press time but conflicting reports said about three police officers were killed and burnt with many other civilians injured during a shoot-out between armed robbers and SARS.

The policemen after being shot equally were roasted by the robbers before escaping. Eye witness accounts said the robbers robbed filling stations at Ogbunka before proceeding to Umunze but were confronted by the SARS, who they allegedly overpowered and killed.

When contacted the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Emeka Chukwuemeka confirmed that the robbers clashed with the police at Umunze, but declined further details on the incident.

According to him, the command was still battling with the situation as at 6:30 pm in the evening.

He also said the robbers were pursued to Nnobi, as they raced down towards Nnobi after the Umunze episode. However he could not confirm number of deaths when *Daily Champion* probed further.