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# Gunmen kill 5 in Anambra

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**G**UNMEN on Tuesday went wild in Oba, Idemili South Local Government area of Anambra state as they killed five members of the Oba Local vigilance group who were said to be on patrol within the community even as over seven other passers-by were hit by stray bullets.

It was gathered that the armed robbers were said to have been trailing the vigilance group members for some time now, when they finally caught them at 8th Mile junction, on Oba Old Road and opened fire on them, killing five out of the six occupants of the van while one escaped with severe bullet wounds.

According to eyewitness who pleaded anonymity, the armed robbers had trailed the Hilux patrol van conveying

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the vigilance group members from a far place when they had gone out on routine patrol within the community at about 8.30am and finished them up with assorted dangerous weapons.

Our source said when the vigilante operatives finished their patrol, they drove down to the 8th mile when the robbers who were in a black Sports Utility Vehicle SUV (Infinity Jeep) stopped behind them and opened fire on them rapidly resulting to death of five of them whose bodies was shattered by bullets.

## Gunmen

Among the robbers was a girl who was crushing AK47 and a boy holding AK47 and a machine gun which they used to open fire on the vigilante operatives vehicle.

Said our source "the girl was the one who told two motorcycle operators (Okada) to pass that they were not the people they were looking for, so the girl was just focusing her rifle on the van, emptying the magazine while the other boy was just watching their sides and also pumping the trigger rapidly at the vehicle. After they finished

their mission, they entered the jeep, reversed and drove away unchallenged".

*Daily Champion* gathered that the robbers were more than five, as about three members of the gang were said to be at different strategic places, watching out for either police or any other external force.

*Daily Champion* gathered that the five members of the Oba vigilance group killed by the robbers were Nzube Obianyo, Uzodimma Onwuka, Stephen Onyedum, Oscar Emebo and Maduiké whose corpses have been deposited at the Fah Hospital mortuary, Oba.