Also, a source told our correspondent that the police officers drove to the junction to commence the stop and search when the gunmen stormed the area and attacked them.

"This is horrible. The bodies of the five policemen were lying on the road as we drove through. Their Hilux was also parked at the junction. The scene was horrible. It is terrible. We have not witnessed such a shooting before."

The Nation recalls that on March 27 some fleeing gunmen ambushed and killed five personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps in the same Ngor Okpala LGA.

When contacted, the spokesperson for the police in the state, Henry Okoye, said he had not gotten an official report on the incident. "Are you calling in respect of what happened in Ngor Okpalla, I'm yet to get an official report on it."