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# Gunmen Kill Three Policemen In Delta

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Gunmen killed three policemen in Asaba, Delta State capital, on Monday.

They also dispossessed the deceased of their arms and ammunition.

The incident reportedly occurred at Ogbeawo Street area of the state capital between 10 and 11 a.m.

The development is coming barely one week after Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan inaugurated a joint police, military and state security service (SSS) security committee, which he tasked with protecting the lives and property of the people ahead the Yuletide.

An eyewitness told *Daily Independent* that the three policemen were driving in a Peugeot 504 saloon car to work at an unnamed bank when six suspected armed robbers on three motorcycles accosted them.

The police vehicle was said to have slowed down at a bump when the gang, which apparently had been trailing them, overtook it and opened fire on the car.

The police driver, it was gathered, lost control and veered into the gutter.

In a flash, the gunmen went to the two officers at the back of the car and pumped bullets into them without resistance.

The two of them were said to have died on the spot, while the driver was in a critical condition.

Mission accomplished, the gang sped off with the policemen's arms and ammunition.

Spokesman of the state's police command, Banawi Ishaku, confirmed the incident.

He added that the driver later gave up the ghost at the hospital.

The state's Police Commissioner, Hezekiah Dimka, the spokesman said, was saddened at the development, adding that the robbers struck while the commissioner was briefing officers of the command on policing strategies for the "ember months."

He, however, said the command had put measures to round up the perpetrators of the act.