

Gunmen Kill Four Policemen, Several Others At Enugu Checkpoint



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ENUGU – Four policemen, a pastor, a neighborhood watch officer and some others were on Wednesday evening killed when unknown gunmen attacked a checkpoint at Obeagu-Amechi community in Enugu South Local Government Area of Enugu State.

An eyewitness told *Daily Independent* that the shooting spree between the gunmen and the police lasted for over four hours, causing panic in the area, as many residents and passersby, who ran into the incident, were reportedly killed or severely wounded by stray bullets in the ensuing gunfight.

Daily Independent gathered that the policemen repelled the attack, although there were casualties on both sides. It was also learnt that a police van was set ablaze during the attack.

Another eyewitness said the attack, which started about 5:30p.m on Wednesday at a busy spot at Mmiri Ocha Amodu lasted till 8p.m.

The source said: “The gun battle between the policemen and the unknown gunmen was too heavy.

“The entire area was thrown into confusion as everybody within the scene scampered for safety.

“We have not experienced this type of incident in this area. It happened along Obeagu-Amechi Road to Agbani Nkanu, a few kilometres from Enugu State capital.”

However, the operatives of Amagunze Police Division, who were quickly alerted, ambushed the gunmen as they attempted to escape and shot dead some of them, according to the source.

The source said he identified four policemen, a pastor and a neighbourhood watch officer among the dead who have been taken to the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Ituku-Ozalla mortuary.

The State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), in Enugu, ASP Daniel Ndukwe, confirmed the incident but was silent on the number of casualties.

Ndukwe said: “Information surrounding the shooting incidents in the evening hours of today, 21/07/2021, where police operatives were allegedly attacked by yet-to-be-identified gunmen at checkpoints in Obeagu-Amechi in Enugu South LGA and Amagunze in Nkanu East LGA is still sketchy.”

He said that preliminary investigation had commenced, assuring that further developments would be communicated.



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