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Gunmen Kill 2 Policemen, Injure 5 In Enugu, Abuja and Lagos

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Gunmen suspected to be armed robbers have killed two policemen in Enugu while one person was killed and two others injured in Lagos just as three policemen were injured in a gun battle with gunmen in Abuja.

Our Correspondent gathered that the Enugu incident occurred along the popular Nza Street, Independence Layout, Enugu on Thursday night.

Gunmen also injured three policemen during an exchange of fire with unidentified gunmen in the early hours of yesterday at the Arab junction along the Suleja-Kubwa Expressway, Abuja.

LEADERSHIP Weekend learnt that the armed men ran into the police operatives who were on patrol operations and opened fire on them. The operatives were said to have repelled the attack forcing the armed men, suspected to be robbers to beat a retreat and made their escape.

Also in Lagos, there was a pandemonium in Amuwo-Odofin local government area on Thursday when a suspected armed robber shot a man dead and wounded two policemen.

LEADERSHIP Weekend investigation revealed that the robber was a passenger on a motorcycle and ordered the rider to stop at Apple Junction.

A police sergeant attached to FESTAC police station who spoke on the condition of anonymity said immediately the hoodlum got off from the motorcycle, he shot the rider at close range and zoomed off with the motorcycle.

The sergeant said the divisional police officer of FESTAC police station, Mr Ifeanyi Owo was alerted and he ordered anti-robbery policemen to give the fleeing hoodlum a pursuit.

Owo also led a team of policemen to routes in a bid to trail the fleeing bandit.

As the bandit noticed that police patrol vehicle was trailing him, he began to fire sporadically, wounding two cops.

But an eye witness who craved anonymity during the Enugu incident disclosed that the policemen were at a checkpoint when they were attacked by the gunmen, who were in a queue of vehicles that were flagged down for inspection by the security operatives.

Several vehicles were queued up behind the vehicle conveying the gunmen.

The state police public relations officer, Ebere Amarizu who confirmed the incident disclosed that the command has commenced full scale investigation into the incident.

Amarizu, vowed that the culprits would be apprehended and brought to book, adding that the police is already on the trail of perpetrators of the unholy act.

Meanwhile, the bodies of the slain policemen have been deposited at the morgue of the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (UNTH), Enugu.



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