

Robbers kill two policemen, soldier in Enugu

TWO policemen and a soldier were killed yesterday by armed robbers in an early morning raid in Enugu, the Enugu State capital.

The security operatives were killed by the robbers who ambushed their patrol vehicle, Urban Patrol - 4 unit, at Djamija over head bridge at Trans Ekulu at about 2.45 a.m.

Police spokesman Ebele Amaraizu said the com-

mand would make extensive use of intelligence as well as intense surveillance of the city to fish out the robbers.

His words: "The armed robbers came in a Hiace commuter bus, opened fire at our patrol vehicle at the Djamija overhead bridge. Our men responded but it

appears the robbers had more sophisticated arms.

"During the cross-fire, a bullet hit the fuel tank of the patrol vehicle leading to an explosion.

"We lost two policemen and a soldier attached with Urban Patrol-4 in the gun duel. Before reinforcements could come, the rob-

bers escaped through the bush.

"I want use this avenue to call on the public to avail the police any information on the hide out of the hoodlums in the state."

Amaraizu said the State Police Command would launch a manhunt for the hoodlums.

At the scene, a completely burnt patrol van, riddled with bullet holes, lay in ruins yesterday.