

Three policemen killed in Enugu, Abuja attacks

GUN attacks have left three policemen dead, three wounded in Enugu and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

In Enugu two policemen were gunned down yesterday at a checkpoint in the Nachi area of Oji council.

Three operatives were severely injured in that attack.

In Abuja the gunmen attacked Hilltop International Premium Hotel, Tunga-Maje in Gwagwalada late Tuesday night, killing the policeman in a shootout.

FCT police spokesman Daniel Ndukwe said the command

• Kidnap suspect held in Abia

From **Damian Duruiheoma, Enugu, Gbenga Omokhunu, Abuja and Sunny Nwankwo, Umuahia**

had launched "full-scale investigation" into the incident.

The Nation learned that the two officials died on the spot.

The rapid gunfire caused panic in the community.

A local source said, "We were going to Enugu this morning when we suddenly started hearing gunshots. Some motorists abandoned their vehicles and started running to-

wards us. We joined too because the guns were still sounding. So, it was about thirty minutes later that we emerged from the bushes and saw those coming towards us who narrated that it was an attack on a police checkpoint."

Ndukwe said the command will "fish out of the assailants".

It was gathered that the gunmen engaged the policemen at the Abuja hotel in a shootout.

Three lodgers were injured, some abducted.

An ex-lawmaker was abducted from the hotel in June.

A hotel worker said the gunmen shot at doors and flogged staff.

Police spokesperson Josephine Akeh confirmed the incident.

In Abia, security officials arrested an associate of the late Obioma Nwankwo aka Osi-sikankwu, who once terrorised the state.

The arrested suspect simply identified as Ebelishe, believed to be behind some abductions in the state, was apprehended in his hideout where he had been holing up in the Obokwe area of Ukwu East council of the state.