

# Two policemen killed in operation, three others

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1 The Benue State Police Command has confirmed that two of its officers were shot and killed during an operation on Thursday morning.

The incident occurred on Makurdi-Lafia Road near Yelewata town.

The Nation gathered that the policemen were on an operation to arrest some bandits who were carrying out operation along the busy Makurdi-Lafia Road.

When contacted, the Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO) of the command, Kate Anene, a Superintendent of Police (SP), confirmed the killings of two policemen, adding that investigation had commenced.

2 On the same night, three other persons, including a lecturer with the Federal University, Wukari were said to have been gunned down by bandits at Jootar, Mbaterem, in Mbayenge Council Ward, Ukum Local Government Area of the state.

The three deceased victims, all friends, were said to have sat at a drinking joint close to a Federal Quarantine Check Point

in the community at about 7pm when the gunmen stormed the border town, shot them point blank and killing them on the spot.

Eyewitnesses said the attackers, two young men and a lady, rode on a Bajaj motorcycle while one of them pointed a gun at their targets, shot and killed them, after which he jumped back on the motorcycle and they rode away unchallenged.

Police spokesperson Kate Anene, an SP, said she was yet to get the information from Ukum Local Government Area.