Policeman, gunman killed in Ebonyi checkpoint attack

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Two persons were killed in Ebonyi on Monday night as police and gunmen engaged in a shootout in Abakaliki.

It was gathered that gunmen attacked a Police checkpoint along the Presco junction axis of the ever-busy Enugu-Abakaliki express road again.

The incident, which occurred around 8 pm on Monday, created panic and tension along the major express road as motorists and commuters scampered for safety while the exchange gun battle lasted.

A source in the area said that the gunmen who operated on a motorcycle attacked the police officers on their duty post at the junction.

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The gunmen, on arriving the junction, opened fire on the policemen on duty while the policemen responded immediately resulting in a gun battle.

When the gun battle subsided, people who went close observed that a policeman was shot dead while one of the gunmen was also killed.

Police spokesperson, Chris Anyanwu, confirmed the incident.

Anyanwu said one policeman and an unknown gunman were shot dead during the clash on Monday night at the Presco in Abakaliki, the Ebonyi State capital.