## Gunmen kill three policemen at military checkpoint



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Three policemen were yesterday shot dead by gunmen during an attack at a military checkpoint in Umunze, Orumba South Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The gunmen were said to have opened fire on the officers who were manning the checkpoint, along Umunze-Ihite road, killing three of them at the spot.

A resident, who preferred anonymity, said the area has been deserted as shop owners were compelled to close their businesses for fear of attack.

"The incident happened very early in the morning. Three policemen were killed by the gunmen. People ran away because bullets were flying around here," he said.

A viral video clip, apparently recorded shortly after the attack, showed three bodies of the cops lying along the road and at the corner of a building very close to the scene of attack.

Confirming the incident, Police spokesperson, Tochukwu Ikenga, described it as unfortunate.

He said the police were not deterred by the attack.

Ikenga said: "It is an unfortunate incident and is part of the highest price security officers pay in serving the nation. But the police command is not deterred by this development.

"The reinforcement teams are already in the area and the manhunt for the assailants is ongoing while joint security patrols have been intensified in the area."