

# Gunmen kill NDLEA officer, set Hilux van ablaze in Ebonyi

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UNKNOWN gunmen on Sunday morning killed one of the officers of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), while on duty along the Ezzamgbo axis of the Enugu-Abakaliki express road.

Nigerian Tribune also gathered that some officers of the anti-narcotic agency also sustained serious injuries during the attack, just as the gunmen escaped.

According to a source who pleaded anonymity, the incident happened at about 3.00 am on Sunday morning. He disclosed that the gunmen also made away with one rifle, belonging to the officer and set ablaze a Toyota Hilux patrol van of the NDLEA at the checkpoint where the attack was perpetrated.

The source said: "On 20th February, 2022 at about 3.00hrs at drug check point along Enugu Abakaliki highway Ezzamgbo, unknown gunmen attacked drug law enforcement agents and shot two officers on duty.

"One officer was killed while the other one was shot in the leg. One rifle collected, one patrol Hilux van burnt. The names of the victims not yet disclosed."

Our correspondant also gathered that the attack was carried out about two poles away from a military checkpoint along the expressway.

The attack is coming barely six days after three policemen were shot dead by gunmen at Ezillo axis of the Enugu-Abakaliki Express road in Ishielu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.