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Suspected bunkerers attack checkpoint in Bayelsa, kill policeman

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GUNMEN suspected to be
merchants of illegally-refined
petroleum products on Satur-
day attacked a police check-
point on Ayama-Famgbe road
in Yenagoa Local Government
Area of Bayelsa State, killing
one policeman and injuring
others.

According to a handyman
working close to where the
incident occurred, the gun-
men laid an ambush for the
police in the early hours of
Saturday before firing gun-
shots at them as soon as
they arrived for their stop-
and-search duty in the area.

The eyewitness explained
that the gunmen also threw
explosive devices suspected
to be dynamites at the po-
licemen before fleeing into
the bush after the police-
men team shot back at
them.

Confirming the incident,
the state Police Public Rela-
tions Officer (PPRO), Asinim
Butswat, said: "A policeman
was killed and another one
injured. investigation is on-
going."