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Residents flee as four killed in troops, PoS robbers' gun battle in Imo

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FOUR persons were shot dead on Tuesday as a combined team of military men and police officers engaged robbers in a gun duel at Umuaka in the Njaba Local Government Area of Imo State for hours.

Sources told our correspondent that the robbers were in the area to rob operatives of Point-of-Sale Services when message was sent to the security operatives who were in a nearby axis and they swiftly responded.

On sighting the security Catholic priest kidnapped on Ondo highway, abductors demand N20m

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operatives, the hoodlums were said to have opened fire on them.

The security operatives quickly responded, leading to the instant death of three of them while the other died in a hospital.

A source said, "It was a heavy gun battle. The residents of the area ran away owing to the intensity of the gun battle.

"At end of the day, four robbers were neutralised. The robbers came to rob POS operatives."

When contacted, the spokesperson for the state police command, Micheal Abattam, said while three robbers died on the spot,

Ilara Mokin in the Ifedore Local Government Area of Ondo State.

the other died in a hospital.

He said the command would continue to make the state uncomfortable for criminals.

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THE Governing Council of the Akwa Ibom State Polytechnic, Ikot Osurua, on Tuesday suspended the institution's Registrar, Dr. Mary Ndah, over alleged gross misconduct.

This was contained in a statement by the institution's Deputy Registrar, Public Relations, Gloria Udoudum, a copy of which was made available to our correspondent in Uyo.

The statement said the registrar's suspension followed the report of