

# Three policemen feared killed in Delta, Ondo checkpoints

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Two yet-to-be-identified policemen attached to the Dragon Patrol Team were feared killed as gunmen shot them at their checkpoint along the Ughelli-Asaba Road by the Oleh roundabout, in Delta State, on Sunday.

A commercial driver who narrowly escaped death in the incident, however, said he could not confirm if the two policemen died as a result of the attack but that the police patrol van was set on fire.

He said by the time he and others came out of the bush where they ran into, another police van had been brought to the location to take the victims away.

The state Police Public Relations Officer Command, DSP Bright Edafe could not be reached for comments on the incident as of the time of filing this report.

Meanwhile, the Ondo State Police Command said a driver who crushed a policeman to death at a checkpoint along the Benin-Owo Expressway at the Ifon area of the Ose Local Government Area of the state on Sunday had been arrested.

According to the police, the driver was arrested by the men of the Nigeria Army at Sobe in Edo State.

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The command, however, denied an earlier report that the cop was killed by suspected kidnappers.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs Funmilayo Odunlami, who confirmed the death of the policeman, declared that it was a case of hit-and-run and not kidnapping.

She said, "While policemen were trying to stop the driver of a suspected vehicle, he didn't stop. So, our men were alerted on the highway, but on getting to a particular place around Ifon, the driver swerved and hit an ASP and the officer died immediately.

“The driver, was, however, pursued and fortunately for us he (the driver) was arrested by the military men at Sobe in Edo State.”

A 53 seconds viral video showed the scene of the incident and the deceased lying on the road in a pool of blood.

He was also seen with a head injury while his colleagues carried his lifeless body into a police van.