

... Another two in Aba

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SUSPECTED armed robbers on Sunday night shot dead two members of a police patrol team from Azuka Police Division in Aba, Abia State. Also a young man in his late 20s has reportedly committed suicide in the same area.

It was gathered that the gunmen who operated on

a motorcycle were said to have at about 9pm robbed a supermarket near Ukaegbu, along the Ikot Ekpene expressway.

During the robbery operation, a police patrol team from Azuka police station was said to have been alerted.

While responding to the distress calls, the patrol team ran into the armed robbers who were fleeing after the

operation. The robbers were said to have opened fire on the police team.

After the attack which took place near Opobo junction, along Aba-Ikot Ekpene Expressway, two Police Inspectors were shot dead by the robbers.

Other members of the team who sustained gunshot injuries were rushed to an undisclosed hospital for medical attention.

In a telephone chat with the state Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO), DSP Ezekiel Udeviotu, he confirmed that the incident happened at Ogbor-Hill.

According to Udeviotu, "Azuka Police Division got a distress call from a resident that armed robbers were operating in their area. The team was dispatched to the place, unfortunately, the robbers had finished their operation and were on their way back when they met the police team and opened fire on them.

"Two of our men were shot dead while others sustained injuries. They were rushed to the hospital for medical attention. We have visited the robbery scene."

He said the police were making efforts to track the gunmen.

In another development, traders at the Ngwa road market, yesterday discovered a lifeless body of a yet-to-be identified young man in his late twenty believed to have committed suicide.

The body of the young man was said to have been seen dangling on one of the woods across the ceiling in one of the open shops.

When our reporter visited the area, many shop owners closed shops for fear of being arrested by security agencies some police personnel in company with morticians removed the corpse from where it hung.

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