

Gunmen kill 3 policemen, civilian in Enugu checkpoints attacks

• Burn vehicle, motorcycles

From **Jude Chinedu**, Enugu

AT least three policemen were killed and a patrol vehicle and motorcycles burnt when gunmen attacked two police checkpoints in Amodu, Obeagu-Amechi, in Enugu South Local Government Area of Enugu State, on Wednesday evening.

The Command's Public Relations Officer, ASP Daniel Ndukwe, confirmed the shooting, without giving further details in a statement, yesterday.

Remains of the policemen and the civilian had been evacuated.

It was observed that police had cordoned off and diverted traffic at the section of the Enugu-Amechi-Agbani Road, precisely, in Obeagu-Amechi community, where the vehicle and motorcycle were burnt and human casualties recorded, yesterday.

The police spokesman, however, said that information about the incidents at the two checkpoints within the two council areas were still sketchy.

"Meanwhile, preliminary investigations have commenced. Further development will be communicated, please," he said.

However, an eyewitness and commercial tricycle rider, Mr Obinna Nweke, who spoke to NAN on the incident at Obeagu-

Amechi community, said that the shooting that started at about 5:30pm lasted for over an hour.

Nweke revealed that the checkpoint at the Obeagu Amechi community was manned by about 12 fully-armed policemen as he passed through the checkpoints three times, while plying the route picking his passengers.

"What happened at the section of the road at Obeagu Amechi community was like a war situation as the heavy shooting continued unabated and everybody had to run for safety.

"After the gun duel between the police and unknown gunmen around 7pm, the whole Enugu-Amechi-Agbani Road was deserted," he said.

7 die, 2 injured in Niger auto crash

• Death toll in Lagos-Ibadan expressway mishap hits 13

From **John Adams**, Minna

NO fewer than seven persons were killed, while two others sustained different degrees of injuries in an auto crash that occurred on Lambata-Minna road, Niger State, yesterday.

The state Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Musa Mohammed, said the accident, which occurred at about 7am in Dagibe village, involved a Mazda car with registration number CRC

686 XN and a Volkswagen Golf saloon car with registration number KTU 506 BK.

"Nine people were involved in the mishap, seven were killed and two sustained injuries. They were taken to Federal Medical Centre, Gawun Babangida, and the corpses deposited at Sabon Wuse Mortuary," he said.

The sector commander blamed the accident on fatigue and loss of control.

Meanwhile, four more persons have died from the accident involving two vehicles on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, on Wednesday.

The FRSC in Ogun confirmed that the latest number brings to 13 the number of people who died in the accident.

The Sector Commander of the FRSC in the state, Mr Ahmed Umar, said the four died on their way to the hospital. He said 12 others sustained injuries.

The FRSC Sector Commander had said, on Wednesday, that nine persons died, while 16 others sustained various degrees of injuries in the ghastly acci-