Gunmen kill police inspector, injure 2 others in Ebonyi

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A police inspector, whose identity was yet to be ascertained, was shot dead in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State fol-

lowing an attack at a checkpoint by gunmen.

The attack happened Monday night at the popular Union Bank roundabout, very close to the state Police Headquarters.

The gunmen reportedly opened fire at the checkpoint, killing an Inspector instantly. The gunmen also injured two other police officers who sustained bullet wounds. The injured officers have been hos-

pitalised.

Meanwhile, the state police command has confirmed the killing of an inspector by suspected gunmen.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Onome Onovwakpoyeya, who made the disclosure, yesterday, in Abakaliki, said the command was making out for a press statement.

"I am making a press statement now, and I will make it available to the media when I am done," Onovwakpoyeya said.

ted gunrunner, 5 others apprehended

ing to arrest his accomplices.

Meanwhile, five other suspects were arrested in Oghara, Ughelli and Isoko with arms during operations, according to Edafe.

In Oghara, during a raid on a criminal hideout, 29-yearPrecious Moses (30) with a locally made cut-to-size single barrel gun, and three live cartridges.

"Investigation revealed that the suspect is a member of Viking Confraternity and part of the syndicate terrorising the said community," he added.

In all the cases, Edafe said the arrested suspects were in custody, adding that efforts have been intensified to track their fleeing accomplices.