

2 Gunmen kill two policemen, burn patrol vehicle in Anambra

Gunmen yesterday killed two policemen in Obosi, Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The hoodlums also burnt their patrol vehicle. The incident occurred at a checkpoint in the Idemili-Obosi Interchange on the Onitsha-Owerri Road. It was gathered that about 10 policemen were at the checkpoint when the gunmen struck.

A motorist, who pleaded anonymity, said the checkpoint had created a heavy gridlock along the road. He said: "The traffic almost got to Upper Iweka Junction. At a point, it became a no-movement sit-

uation on both lanes of the road.

"I was in the traffic when we suddenly heard gunshots and before you knew it, everybody, including the policemen, started running. They shot two policemen dead and burnt their vehicle."

Another passerby, who simply identified himself as Jude, said the gunmen were infuriated by the traffic jam caused by the checkpoint worsened by the ongoing road construction.

"I think their targets were the policemen who mounted a checkpoint, which caused a horrific gridlock on both lanes of the road," he added.