

Bandits Kill 2 Policemen, Cart Away Rifles

Armed bandits in Enugu, on Sunday, shot and killed two policemen at a checkpoint along Ogui Road, about 150 kilometres from a Police Station and went away with their rifles.

An eye-witness account said the policemen stopped the bandits for a search, when

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The Federal Government has approved a new National Defence Policy, with the new Defence Minister, Alhaji Yayale Ahmed mandated to implement it.

Permanent Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Defence, Alhaji Haruna Sanusi, said this during the official resumption and briefing of Ahmed and his Minister of State, Mrs Fidelia

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suddenly they opened fire, killing them instantly.

The check-points were mounted on the request of own-

ers of two popular fast food joints in the area, but the incident scared customers away from the usually busy spots, with many taking to their heels. Sources said since the checkpoint was mounted, there has not been any report of robbery in the area for a very long time, an area which hitherto was a flashpoint, raising specula-

tion that it may be an act of vengeance.

According to an eye-witness, "it all happened in a flash, we suddenly heard gunshots and the next thing we saw were some people climbing down from a car and rushing at policemen who were already lying on the ground. They kicked at the bodies and shouted insults at them before taking their guns and escaping in the car."

Enugu State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Mike Abattam, when contacted confirmed the incident, and said the bodies had been recovered and deposited in a mortuary, while a massive man-hunt had commenced. According to him, "we have alerted all units to hunt those hoodlum, and I can assure you we will get them in no distant time, they cannot escape."

New Defence Policy

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Ministry's 2007 budget was N103,95,201,633, while the capital budget was N19,219,305,774, putting the total budget at N122,304,507,407. While explaining role of the Ministry

of Defence, Sanusi said the Ministry is to provide administrative and support services that are timely and effective, to enable the Armed Forces build and maintain a modern, compact, strong professional, capable and mission ready forces for the defence of national territory, maritime interest, air space and protection and defence of the Constitution.