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## police to use intelligence as robbers kill 2 cops, soldier

Enugu Police Command says it plans to launch massive intelligence to trace the whereabouts of armed robbers who killed two policemen and a soldier on security patrol in Enugu in the early hours of Monday.

The officers were killed by the robbers who ambushed the patrol vehicle -- Urban Patrol-4 unit at Djamija over head bridge at Trans Ekulu at about 2.45 a.m.

Ebele Amaraizu, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the command would make extensive use of intelligence as well as intense surveillance of the city to fish out the robbers.

"The armed robbers came in a Hiace commuter bus, opened fire at our patrol vehicle at the Djamija over head bridge. Our men responded but it appears the robbers had more sophisticated arms.

"During the cross-fire process a bullet hit the fuel tank of the patrol vehicle leading to an explosion.

"We lost two policemen and a soldier attached with Urban Patrol-4 in the gun duel," he said noting, before reinforcements could come, the robbers escaped through the bush.

"I want use this avenue to call on the public to avail the police any information on the hide out of the hoodlums in the state," he said.

When NAN correspondents visited the scene they saw the completely burnt patrol vehicle with several bullet holes all over the charred vehicle.

Meanwhile, the home of NAN photographer, Mike Agada was ransacked on Saturday by robbers and his personal effects – handsets, clothing stolen.

He said that his NAN identity card and the agency's branded jacket were also taken away by the robbers.

``I have since reported the incident at the Uwani Police Station," Agada said.







