

# Police kill two armed robbers in Onitsha

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THE Police Thursday killed two armed robbers in Nkpor near Onitsha during shoot-out with the hoodlums. However, the gang was said to have succeeded in carrying one of their dead colleagues.

The robbers, according to Anambra State Police Commissioner, Mr. Haruna John had mounted a roadblock on the Enugu-Onitsha expressway near New Tyre Market, Nkpor, when the police got a distress call from some residents. In response, the Police High Way Patrol team responded promptly and through their superior fire

power gunned down two of the robbers.

The incident happened on the heels of the re-arrest by the State Police Command, of two murder suspects standing trial on murder charge on September 1, 2002, of the former Chairman of Nigeria Bar Association [NBA], Onitsha branch, Mr. Barnabas Igwe and his wife, Amaka.

The two suspects had escaped from Onitsha prisons during the last Onitsha crisis when hoodlums invaded the prison, destroyed part of it and freed the inmates.

The re-arrested suspects are Emmanuel Ezeife alias China

and Valentine Oludiogbu, both natives of Umuagu village in Adazi-Enu in Anaocha Local Government Area of Anambra State. They were until their escape in Onitsha prison over their alleged role in the death of the Igwes.

The armed robbers, according to Haruna blocked the road at about 2pm. Items recovered from the dead ones include a LAR rifle, four extra magazines, seven live ammunition. They were said to have operated in an unregistered black jeep. The police commissioner said they had not settled down to operate at any particular place before the police struck.

