

Robbers kill 2 in Abia raid

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UMUAHIA - ARMED Robbers yesterday for over two hours operated in Isiala-Ngwa North Council Area of Abia State on the Enugu-Port Harcourt expressway.

At least two persons were said to have lost their lives. But it was clear if they were killed by the robbers or through accident while running for their lives.

However, one unconfirmed report said that one of them, an okada operator who was warned by the people not go there as armed robbers were operating, had his head shattered by the robbers.

Even the convoy of the Governor of Abia state, Chief Theodore Orji, who was returning to Umuahia from Port Harcourt airport nearly ran into the scene of the robbery as they got there few minutes after the robbers had shifted to another point.

For about two and half hours the ever busy express road was deserted as motorists from both ends of the road parked some distance away from the scene of the robbery.

The robbers were said to be pursuing a bullion van from Owerri to Aba when they were attacked by the robbers.

There were conflicting reports on whether the robbers succeeded robbing the bullion van. While one account said that the robbers attacked and carted away undisclosed sum of money, another account said they did not succeed.

As the Governor's convoy approached, the people were shouting "governor, don't go armed robbers are operating."

The Governor's stopped to inquire what was happening and it was narrated to them the escapades of the robbers.