

Ten feared dead as robbers attack bullion van

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ABA—NO fewer than ten persons were feared dead with many others seriously wounded yesterday when Armed Robbers attacked a bullion van conveying millions of Naira along Enugu-Portharcourt expressway.

This incident is happening barely one month after a similar robbery operation of such magnitude in which many policemen and civilians were killed within Umui-kaa junction along the same Enugu-Port-Harcourt expressway.

yesterday's incident occurred at about 9:30 AM at Ihie junction very close to Ala Oji in Aba when the robbers attacked the bullion van which was moving from Aba- towards Port-Harcourt.

The robber who were numbered over thirty were conveyed in a white Hummer Jeep and adorned in a full military camouflage with red beret.

They opened fire along the entire Ihie junction and forced many residents of the area into hideout for fear of stray bullets.

However many of the residents of the area were unfortunate as stray bullets from both the armed robbers and security operatives escorting the bullion van hit so many people on different parts of their body resulting to deaths and injuries.

As at the time of filing this report, corpses were still littered along the expressway scene of the incident while those who sustained serious gunshots were rushed to a

nearby hospital.

An eyewitness told *Vanguard* that the robbers on sighting the bullion van opened fire forcing the driver of the van to engage a U-turn towards Aba."

The robbers who were said to be operating with superior firearms pursued the bullion van from Ihie junction before overwhelming the security attached to the bullion van and forced the van down while they were said to have carted away millions of Naira.

When *Vanguard* visited the scene dead bodies who were yet to be identified were seen littered along the expressway with a combined forces of both the mobile police and the state vigilante service group roving around the area.