

## Gunmen kill, burn 4 policemen in Edo

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**BENIN**—FOUR policemen attached to Sabongida-Ora Division were, yesterday, killed by unknown persons at the road intersection between Oke-Ora and Avbiosi in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State.



Vanguard gathered that the policemen, who were on patrol, were victims of an ambush, as their assailants shot them when they were about to alight from their

Toyota Hilux van, which was then set ablaze with the bodies inside, even as their weapons were allegedly taken away by the assailants.

Chairman of Owan West Local Government Area, Mr. Frank Ilaboya, who confirmed the incident, said in a telephone interview that “from information available to me, the policemen were about to alight from their vehicle when the assailants opened fire on them.

“They were said to have set the patrol vehicle ablaze and took away their guns. I cannot confirm whether they were armed robbers or not.

“As I speak with you, the communities in the area are in total confusion. However, I have convened an emergency security meeting for this afternoon (yesterday) to look at the issue because there is no eyewitness to give an account of what really happened.”

Contacted, Edo State Police Command’s spokesman, Mr. Chidi Nwanbuzor, said: “I just received the information from the media. We are yet to be briefed.”