

## 5 persons dead as robbers barricade East-West Road

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**U**GHELLI—ARMED robbers, Tuesday evening, blocked the ever busy East-West road, by Eruemokohwarien and five persons were reportedly feared dead.

The robbers, who blocked the road with a Toyota Corolla car at about 7pm, shot sporadically for the period the robbery lasted.

*Vanguard* gathered that the robbers operated for about an hour unchallenged while unsuspecting travellers were dispossessed of their valuables.

A source said five persons were killed by the armed

robbers, adding that the robbers abandoned their operational vehicle with which they barricaded the road after the attack.

The source, who pleaded anonymity, said some travellers, who sighted the robbery operation from afar, made u-turn and ran for safety, adding that some passengers fled into the bush.

Meanwhile, a community source who spoke to *Vanguard* on condition of anonymity, confirmed the robbery operation but said no life was lost.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edefe, said: "I am not aware, but I will make contact and get back to you later."