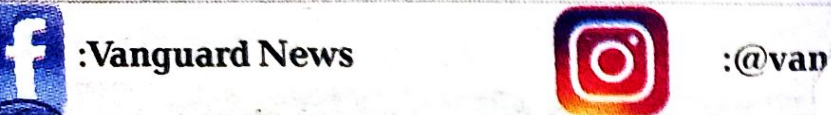


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Gunmen kill 2 policemen, set vehicle ablaze in Anambra

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A WKA—UNKNOWN gunmen have allegedly attacked a police checkpoint at the Obosi Interchange along the Onitsha-Owerri road in Anambra State, killing two policemen and burning of one patrol vehicle.

An eye witness said about 10 policemen were at the checkpoint at the time of the incident.

According to the witness, there was pandemonium during the incident, forcing

the policemen to vacate the scene, clearing the checkpoint immediately.

It was gathered that before the shooting incident, gridlock in the area was almost stretching to about two kilometres.

The eye witness said: "The traffic almost got to Upper Iweka Junction. At a point, it became a no movement situation on both lanes of the road. I was in the traffic when we suddenly heard gunshots and before you knew it, everybody, including the policemen, started running.

They shot two policemen dead and burnt their vehicle.

"The place was bloody. I think their targets were the policemen who mounted a checkpoint, which caused a horrific traffic situation on both lanes, made worse by the ongoing road construction in the area."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ikenga Tochukwu, who confirmed the incident said two policemen were killed.

He said: "What happened along the Obosi-Idemili flyover is an example of the price we pay as police officers in service to the nation and

humanity. Three of the armed men were demobilised, while two police personnel paid the supreme price.

"The police also recovered the rifles of the slain officers. A Lexus SUV, one of the operational vehicles of the armed hoodlums was also recovered. The operation is still ongoing. Further details shall be communicated.

"The Anambra State Police Command is firm and the personnel are more motivated in providing security services until the current security concern is reduced to the barest minimum and overcome."