

Policeman, civilian killed by gunmen in Abakaliki

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ABAKALIKI—TWO persons, a policeman and one other, were, yesterday, reportedly killed in the afternoon, when gunmen attacked a police checkpoint within the Abakaliki metropolis.

The incident, which was said to have taken place at the G-Hostel Junction, close to the Enugu-Abakaliki expressway, has put the capital city in a panic mode.

Details of the attack were still sketchy as at press time, but *Vanguard* gathered that the gunmen, who were three in number, operated on a motorcycle.

They reportedly opened fire on the Policemen at the checkpoint killing one instantly.

In the gun duel that ensued,

the police were able to kill one of the hoodlums just as they made good their escape.

Residents of the area were seen in groups discussing the incident.

The Police in Ebonyi confirmed the incident but said that they were still gathering information on the attack.

"Nothing can equal the humiliation of making one abandon one's self live another's self. To be pushed down is one thing, while to remain on the ground forever is another thing.

"We must get up and do what we are expected and supposed to do as a people equally created as others in the other continents of the world.

"We must unite to answer our father's name. We must wake up from our slumber, learn and see the three major languages as ours.