

Gunmen kill 3 soldiers, injure 4 in Enugu, Katsina

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THERE was palpable fear at Eha-Amufu, Isi-Iizo Local Government Area of Enugu State, yesterday, following an alleged attack at an army checkpoint by gunmen.

It was learned that an army officer, identified as Gimba, was allegedly killed in the process while a patrol van belonging to the soldiers was equally razed.

Vanguard also gathered that the gunmen fled through Nkalagu in Ebonyi State when Neighbourhood Watch personnel from the local government arrived

the scene.

Vanguard equally gathered that the attack, which happened near the Federal College of Education in Eha-Amufu, sent jitters down the spines of workers of the institution as they were reported to had scampered for safety.

A member of a local security architecture in the council area, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the report, added that normalcy has returned to the area.

However, the spokesperson for the 82 Division of the Nigerian Army in Enugu did not response to calls made by Vanguard nor responded to a text message sent to his phone line at press time.

8 Terrorists kill 2 soldiers, bomb armoured car in Katsina community

In a related development, Shimfida community in Katsina State was thrown into confusion, Wednesday, as suspected terrorists bombed an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) of the Nigerian Army escorting residents to Jibia town to buy foodstuff and other essential items.

Two soldiers reportedly lost their lives in the attack while four others sustained injuries.

This is coming barely two days after the Governor Aminu Masari procured 10 additional APCs to aid the fight against bandits in the

state.

A resident of Shimfida community, Danlami Isiyaku, said the explosive device planted on the road along Shimfida-Gurbi road damaged the only armored vehicle stationed at Shimfida community to protect residents from the hoodlums terrorising the community.

Vanguard gathered that while two of the soldiers died on the spot, the whereabouts of their team leader, identified as Lieutenant Musa, was still unknown.

According to the source, "The military armoured personnel carrier conveying seven officers was escorting residents of Shimfida community in two trucks to Jibia town to buy some food and other items.

"Unfortunately for them, the terrorists planted IED on the road, which their APC stepped on, causing it to explode. Two soldiers died instantly as a result.

"Four other personnel were critically injured and are currently receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre, Katsina. The corpses of the two slain officers have been deposited at a morgue in Katsina."

