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Gunmen kill 5 soldiers, one other in Anambra

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AWKA— FIVE soldiers and an unidentified civilian were feared dead yesterday at Umunze in Orumba South Local Government Area of Anambra State, when gunmen opened fire on them.

The victims were in a Toyota Sienna

bus when the gunmen, who hid opposite a new generation bank in the town, opened fire on them.

A source in the town told Vanguard that there was pandemonium in the area following the shooting as people ran in different directions.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Tochukwu Ikenga, who confirmed the incident could, however, not give the actual number of the casualties.

"There was shooting close to the bank in Umunze, but the details have not been received," the PPRO said.

According to him, the command had deployed security operatives to secure the area, adding that those responsible for the shooting must be brought to book.

However, a source who witnessed the incident, said: "It was terrible. The shooting was so much that the banks and shops closed immediately, while motorists turned back and drove in

opposite directions.

"It was as if the gunmen laid ambush for the soldiers, who were driving on the Umunze-Umunneochi road.

"Nobody saw any sign of the presence of the gunmen before the shooting started.

"Some of us, who were close to the bank, ran for our dear lives. The gunmen must have taken the soldiers unawares, which explained why they were able to kill them."