

5 killed, many injured as security forces battle gunmen in Anambra

NO fewer than five persons were feared killed and others injured during a gun battle between security operatives and gunmen, Tuesday, in Anambra.

The incident took place when the Anambra Joint Security Force (JSF) stormed two camps of the gunmen in Aguluezechukwu, Aguata council area, and Ogboji, Orumba South council area respectively.

During the raid by the security

operatives, some items such as locally fabricated rocket launcher, charms, and police uniforms among others were recovered.

Though Anambra police spokesman, Ikenga Tochukwu, did not disclose the casualty figures, it was gathered that four gunmen and a police operative died during the shootout.

A source said their area was like a war zone as bullets were flying with deafening noise,

causing residents fear and apprehension.

Penultimate week, two policemen were killed in Awgbu, Orumba North local government area while another police station was attacked by hoodlums.

A statement by the Police Command in Awka yesterday explained the hunt for the gunmen had been extended to Obofia Forest, Aguluezechukwu, and Ogboji areas.