

# Gunmen kill 2 policemen in Abia

• *As Police kill labourer, injure 3 in Ebonyi*

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**UMUAHIA**— Two policemen have been feared dead following an attack at their checkpoint by gunmen in Asaga Ohafia in Ohafia council area of Abia State.

The gunmen were said to have struck at the checkpoint where a policeman whose identity is yet to be ascertained was shot.

Sources told Vanguard that another policeman was also hit in the attack and is being feared dead.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Police Public Relations Officer, Abia state command, ASP Maureen Chinaka, were unsuccessful

at the time of filing this report.

## One killed, 3 injured as soldiers, policemen clash in Ebonyi

Also yesterday, a man suspected to be a labourer has reportedly been shot dead during a clash between a police team and suspected soldiers at Ugwuachara in Ebonyi Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

Eyewitness accounts said that men of the police crack team saw a motorcyclist suspected to be a 'Yahoo Boy' at Ugwuachara but when accosted by the policemen

on stop and search, the young man said he was a soldier. But the police reportedly refused and insisted on searching him.

His resistance was said to have led to squabbles and shootings.

"In the process of attempting to snatch a gun from them, the police opened fire which unfortunately killed the labourer and injured other passersby."

"The suspected soldier was arrested and was taken to the police station while the dead boy was also taken to the police station."

"Those who sustained bullet injuries were rushed to a hospital for medical treatment", the source said.

The State Commissioner of Po-

lice, Adaku Uche-Anya who confirmed the incident said there was a scuffle between policemen and a soldier who served in Katsina State but on a pass to Ebonyi State.

"The policemen on stop-and-search stopped the bike man who happened to be a soldier and wanted to search him but he refused and wanted to disarm one of the police officers when a bullet went off and hit the bystander and killed him while other passersby were hit by the bullets. The injured are responding to treatment", she explained.

She further said that the soldier and the policeman with the gun were arrested and in police custody.