Slashed driver flees hijack effort

A DUBLIN truck-driver was slashed in the face on the outskirts of Limerick city as two men tried to hijack his vehicle.

The attack took place at 4.45am yesterday at the Raheen turn-off to the new M20 motorway. The attackers posed as plain-clothes gardai and forced the truck off the road by flashing lights at it. One man was holding a hand-set radio.

The other man slashed the driver across the face with a knife. The driver managed to run back to his truck and was able to make his escape. He was treated at the Mid-Western Regional Hospital and was not seriously injured.