

Police kill four suspected secessionist in Anambra

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Items recovered from the suspects...credit: Police

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The Anambra State Police Command has killed four suspected secessionist armed gang and recovered of firearms, ammunition, stolen vehicles and cash linked to criminal activities along the Ogboji–Ajalli Road in Orumba South Local Government state.

In a press statement issued on Wednesday, the Spokesman for the Anambra State Police Command, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, said the operation was carried out by the police-led Joint Security Patrol Team on Tuesday night.

Ikenga said during the operation, security operatives neutralised four members of the armed gang following an armed confrontation.

He said the operation was carried out during a visibility and confidence-building patrol following credible intelligence gathered over time concerning the movement of heavily armed suspected members of a secessionist armed group operating in the area.

The statement read, “The Police-led Joint Security Patrol Team, Aguata Sector, recorded a major operational success on the evening of June 23, 2026 following an armed confrontation with a suspected secessionist armed gang along the Ogboji–Ajalli Road in Orumba South Local Government Area of Anambra State.

“During the operation, security operatives neutralised four members of the armed gang and recovered a cache of weapons, ammunition, explosive devices, and other incriminating items. Recovered exhibits include one General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG) with 53 rounds of linked live ammunition, two AK-47 rifles, two magazines, twenty-nine rounds of 7.62 x 39mm ammunition, thirteen rounds of 5.56mm ammunition, four undetonated Improvised Explosive Devices.

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“Other recovered items include Police camouflage uniforms and accessories, one white Toyota Sienna bus with registration number KJA 919 KH (Lagos), 10 Android phones, two feature phones, one laptop computer, one Point-of-Sale machine, two power banks, assorted charms, two live cartridges, ATM cards, a National Identification Card, and a Driver’s Licence belonging to identified individuals.

“The operation was carried out during a visibility and confidence-building patrol following credible intelligence gathered over time concerning the movement of heavily armed suspected members of a secessionist armed group operating in the aforementioned Toyota Sienna vehicle.”

He added that preliminary investigations indicated that other members of the gang fled into the surrounding bushes with varying degrees of gunshot injuries.

“Consequently, the Joint Security Team has intensified its operations in the area, including extensive combing and search efforts to apprehend the fleeing suspects and recover additional weapons and operational equipment.

“The Anambra State Police Command reiterates its unwavering commitment, in collaboration with other security agencies, to sustaining proactive, intelligence-led, and results-oriented operations against criminal elements that threaten the peace, safety, and security of residents across the State,” the statement added.