

Military Nabs IPOB Kingpin Linked To Killing Of Policeman In Delta

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Recruits undergo training at the headquarters of the Depot of the Nigerian Army in Zaria, Kaduna State in northcentral Nigeria, on October 5, 2017. The Nigerian army train recruits to tackle the terror threat of the Islamist group Boko Haram in North East Nigeria. The Boko Haram's Islamist insurgency began in 2009 and has killed at least 20,000 and forced more than 2.6 million from their homes. / AFP PHOTO / PIUS UTOMI EKPEI (Photo credit should read PIUS UTOMI EKPEI/AFP/Getty Images)

[Troops of Sector 2 under Operation UDO KA](#), participating in Operation Eastern Sanity, have arrested a suspected top commander of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its armed wing, the Eastern Security Network (ESN), in Ebonyi State.

The suspect, popularly known as "Calamity," was apprehended alongside four other alleged members during a raid on a hideout in Nwofe, Izzi Local Government Area in the early hours of April 21, 2026.

According to the Nigerian Army, the operation followed credible intelligence linking the group to the killing of a police officer and the injury of another during an attack in Okuku-Igbo, Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State on February 26, 2026.

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During the earlier attack, the assailants reportedly carted away two AK-47 rifles before fleeing the area.

The military disclosed that the suspects later relocated to Ebonyi State to evade arrest and establish a new operational base.

Acting on actionable intelligence, troops stormed the hideout and arrested five suspects, including the alleged kingpin.

Items recovered from the suspects include multiple mobile phones, keys, and a motorcycle believed to have been used in their operations.

The military confirmed that the suspects are currently in custody and undergoing further investigation, as security agencies intensify efforts to dismantle their network and recover additional weapons.