

10 MASSOB members killed

•Tension in Onitsha

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TENSION, yesterday mounted in Onitsha, the commercial city of Anambra State, following the alleged killing of 10 members of the Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) by a joint security team.

The security operatives drawn from the 302 artillery regiment, Onitsha, Anambra State Police Command as well as its Delta State command were said to be on a special mission to flush out kidnappers who have been terrorising Onitsha in the past few months.

Also recovered in the operation, led by David Omoghai, a Deputy

Superintendent of Police (DSP) in charge of Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Onitsha, were two speed boats, Biafran flag and boat engines.

An eyewitness told *Daily Champion* in Onitsha that by 7a.m on the eventful day, a combined team of soldiers, mobile and regular police men from both Anambra and Delta States Police Commands had taken positions at both sides of the River Niger.

There was frenzied movement of vehicles from the premises of the Onitsha Area Command from where the team took off carrying both soldiers and policemen to the River Niger bank on Ose

Okwuodu market in readiness to combat the alleged kidnappers.

While some took positions by the bank of the River Niger, other members of the team operating with speedboats, headed for Elenchele, a farming Island between the River Niger and Anambra River where the abductors were believed to have relocated to and were operating from.

The Onitsha Police Area Commander, Mr. Rashidi Akintude, who confirmed the operation, however, said that he would not give details as it was an ongoing operation but promised that at the completion, the State Command would give details