

11 IPOB members killed in Imo — Army

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No fewer than 11 members of the Eastern Security Network (ESN), the security wing of the outlawed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), have been killed by a joint team of security operatives, including the Nigerian Army, Air Force and the Police.

According to a statement by the Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General Mohammed Yerima, the secessionists were killed during a gun battle with operatives who resisted their attempt to attack a police station in Orlu, Imo State

"A gang of IPOB/ESN terrorists

mounted in vehicles on Thursday, May 6, 2021, stormed Orlu town with intention to attack the compound housing the area command and police station in Orlu Local Government Area of Imo State.

"The attackers were resisted by vigilant police personnel at the area command and were completely obliterated when a reinforcement team of the Nigerian Army and Nigerian Air Force arrived at the scene.

"The assailants, who have been on the radar of the Joint Technical Intelligence Team, were said to have come from a forest camp in Ideato North Local Government Area of the state, from where they mobilised and planned the failed attack," the

statement read.

"Following the encounter, 11 IPOB/ESN terrorists were neutralised while four AK47, one G3 and one pump action rifles, as well as a Beretta pistol, charms and assorted ammunitions were recovered. All the seven operational vehicles used for the attack were demobilized, and as such, the remaining terrorists escaped on foot with fatal injuries.

"There were no casualties on the side of the security forces.

"Law abiding citizens in the area are advised to look out for strange persons with gunshot injuries and report same to the nearest security agency for the safety of their communities," the statement reads