

IPOB's killing of 3 policemen gruesome — FG

The Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, has described as horrific and barbaric the gruesome killing of two policemen by members of the Eastern Security Network (ESN), the armed wing of IPOB.

The minister, in a statement yesterday, assured that those who killed the officers "in a cannibalistic manner", videotaped and circulated the atrocious act would be brought to book.

He said the targeting and killing of security agents was an unacceptable attack against the state and would not be tolerated.

"We have credible information that ASP Francis Idoko (AP No. 154945); Inspector Emmanuel Akubo (AP No. 222336) and Inspector Rufai Adamu (AP. No. 285009), all serving officers of the Nigeria Police, were abducted by members of the Eastern Security Network (ESN), acting on the instructions of their leader, Chinonso Okafor, aka TEMPLE, on 27 Nov. 2021.

"Two of the officers, Inspectors Akubo and Adamu, were killed in the most gruesome manner and their decapitated bodies videotaped

and circulated widely. The leader of the ESN team that killed the two officers is one 'GENTLE'.

"Chinonso Okafor, the most influential commander of ESN in charge of Imo and Anambra states, as well as 'Gentle' and all those who perpetrated the abhorrent act, will be made to face swift and sure justice," the minister said.

He said the continued attacks on security agents as well as agencies of government by ESN/IPOB were diametrically opposed to the call in certain quarters for a political solution

to the IPOB issue.

He wondered why those making such calls have yet to condemn the appalling murder of serving police officers.

The minister paid tribute to the officers, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of their fatherland, as well as all security agents who are serving the nation to the best of their ability in a most difficult moment.

He also condoled with the families of the slain officers and prayed that God will comfort and strengthen them.