

Troops uncover bodies in IPOB's enclaves

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Troops have cleared enclaves of members of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and Eastern Security Network in the South East region of Nigeria.

The troops, while on clearance operations, also discovered both fresh and dried corpses of some human beings in the enclaves of the terrorists.

The Director, Defence Media Operations, Major-General Edward Buba, who disclosed this at a press briefing at Defence

Headquarters, Abuja, said some of the terrorists' dens were discovered in Aku Forest in Okigwe LGA of Imo State.

He said the clearance operations embarked upon by the military were targeted at ensuring peace returned completely to the South East while the terrorists were completely dismantled.

"Troops found unspeakable and unprintable activities going on in the camps. These extremists are cannibals feasting on fellow humans and slaughtering them for their devilish acts," he said.

He said strategic military

operations across the six geopolitical zones of the country aimed at curtailing the activities of oil thieves and violent extremist groups were ongoing.

He said it was clear that some of the enclaves where terrorists were operating from often extended across the borders with other countries, thereby making it a regional issue.

"Nevertheless, the objective of ongoing operations is to ensure these safe havens are completely destroyed within the shores of the country," Buba added.

He also revealed how troops

discovered and destroyed 53 illegal refining sites, 54 dugout pits, 66 boats, and 138 storage tanks and apprehended 11 suspected oil thieves, and recovered over 983,350 litres of stolen crude oil in the Niger Delta area.

The DMO noted that troops also discovered and destroyed 66 boats, 138 storage tanks, 253 cooking ovens, two pumping machines, eight speedboats, 17 hoses, 18 drums, two cylinders, and 144,980 litres Of AGO and 71,650 litres of DPK, adding that troops denied oil theft the sum of N968,160,050.00 only.