

Police foil attack on Unwana division, kill suspect

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EBONYI State Police Command has killed one person suspected to be a member of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB)'s Eastern Security Network (ESN), who allegedly tried to attack Unwana Police Division in Afikpo North Local Council.

The spokesperson, ASP Loveth Odah, stated yesterday that about 35 men came to attack the station, but officers on duty repelled them, killing one.

IN Imo State, the Commissioner of Police

- CP, LG boss differ on security at meeting venue
- Attack on IPOB is attack on Ndigbo, says Ohanaeze
- VON DG, CSOs advise IPOB on sit-at-home

(CP), Rabiuh Hussaini, has disagreed with the Caretaker Chairman of Njaba Local Council, Emeka Iheanacho, over the latter's claim that policemen came to the venue where he was holding stakeholders' meeting with the monarchs, and left before the gunmen struck and killed two monarchs.

The council chairman had claimed that he pleaded with the policemen as the meeting was going on, not to leave the venue, regretting that despite the appeal,

they left the council headquarters, after which the gunmen struck.

In a statement, yesterday, signed by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Michael Abattam, the CP maintained that the Njaba council chief did not apply for security via appropriate channel, alleging that the public was misinformed by the publication.

MEANWHILE, the Director-General, Voice of Nigeria (VON), Osita Okechukwu, has asked IPOB

to join Ohanaeze Ndigbo to explore political solution for the release of its leader, Nnamdi Kanu.

Speaking with journalists in Enugu, yesterday, Okechukwu said that shutting down the South East for as much as the group deemed necessary would end up harming the economy of the region and creating more pains for the people and not secure freedom for Kalu.

HOWEVER, Ohanaeze Ndigbo has asked the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) to re-examine the Attorney General of the Federation, Abubakar

Malami, to establish his suitability for the office he occupies.

ALSO Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in the South East, yesterday, cautioned IPOB on the implication of trying to truncate the Anambra governorship election with sit-at-home protest.

Cancellation of the November 6 election may result in declaration of emergency in the state, they said in Enugu during a press conference on Anambra poll, self-determination agitation and insecurity.

Leader of the coalition and Board Chair, International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law, Emeka Umeagbalasi, warned that "if we fail in Anambra election, it is going to be a nomadic rainforest state."

