

# Imo Police raid suspected terrorists' camp, kill five

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Crack operatives of the Imo State Police Command have raided the camp of suspected terrorists in Izombe, Oguta Local Government Council of the state, killing five.

According to a statement issued on Friday by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Michael Abattam, and made available to The Guardian, four live tortoises, arms and ammunition, army and police uniforms among others were recovered.

The statement said the officers raided the camp after diligent intelligence report, disclosing: “The Imo State Police Command’s Tactical Teams on 25/8/2022 at about 1630 hours, after diligent gathering of both technical intelligence and credible information on the clandestine activities of the suspected terrorists in Izombe, mobilised and raided the identified camp newly created by the hoodlums in Izombe community in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State.

“The hoodlums who on sighting the police operatives engaged them in a gun battle but were overwhelmed by the superior fire power of the gallant police operatives, who positioned themselves professionally. During the fierce gun battle, the hoodlums suffered a huge casualty which resulted to them retreating, escaping into the bush with various degrees of bullet wounds.”

Abattam, disclosed the items recovered: “The operatives after dislodging the hoodlums moved in and conducted a thorough search of the camp where the some items were recovered including three English made Pump Action Guns; 118 GPMG ammunitions; 41 AK 47 live ammunition and 19 G3 ammunitions.”

Others were one cut to size locally made double barrel; one locally made double barrel; four locally made pistols; four locally made explosive devices; military uniforms; police uniforms; Biafra flags; four ESN caps; a pair of police boot; various types of hard drugs; and some police accouterments.