

Eight Die In Clashes In Onitsha

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No fewer than eight suspected members of the Movement for the Survival of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) were killed in separate clashes with security personnel in Onitsha on Monday.

Among them was a pregnant woman.

Five died in the Upper Iweka area and three in the Okpoko axis.

That brings the death toll to 35 in the last one week.

Besides, a large quantity of arms and ammunition was seized from a building in the Fegge area, close to the enclave of the MASSOB from where the members

were dislodged two weeks ago.

But Police Area Commander, Matthew Uyanna, denied that the killing was done by the security patrol team.

He said Onitsha has become a place where all sorts of rumours about death fly around, whereas the aim of security operations is to restore law and

order.

Meanwhile, the six Onitsha youths, including their leader, who were abducted last Friday have not been found.

Area Police Commander, Matthew Uyanna, confirmed that they are yet to be seen.

Also, the driver of SIO Industries whose police escort was macheted last

week - prompting a heavy fighting and blockade of the Onitsha-Owerri Road is yet to be found.

People are leaving enmasse from Odoekpe, a suburb of Onitsha, for fear of their lives.

MASSOB members demand huge sums from landlords in the area, seize their guns and ask them to swear an oath not to betray them.