

Omoku: Police Kill Six, Parade Okotubo, Senior Member Of Wanny's Kidnap Group

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Desmond Okotubo (in cuffs)

Lagos – The concern of Ibrahim Idris, the Inspector-General of Police, over the gruesome murder of innocent people on January 1, by members of a deadly kidnap and cult group, has yielded positive results, as one Desmond Okotubo, a senior member of the group, earlier arrested was paraded before newsmen.

Jimoh Moshood, Force Public Relations Officer, told newsmen during the parade that Okotubo when quiz confessed that the gang is headed by Don Wanny, the notorious kidnap kingpin, who was earlier killed by the police during a bloody gun duel.

INDEPENDENT gathered that based on the concern, IGP Idris set-up a special police joint investigation team to unravel the incident.

Officers of the team comprise the IGP-Intelligence Response Team, the Force Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Department, Force Department of Operations as well as officers from the Rivers State Police Command.

According to Moshood, a Chief Superintendent of Police, the team members reportedly engaged some of the suspects in their hideouts in Awara forest boundary between Imo and

Rivers State.

“At the end of the bloody gun duel, six suspects were killed by the police, while others escaped with bullet wounds and fled to Rivers, Delta, Imo and Bayelsa States”, the force spokesman said.

The IGP-Intelligence Response Team working on an actionable intelligence, further identified Desmond Okotubo, who escaped on the 3rd January 2018 to Abuja after a shootout with the police team in a location in Imo state, he was traileed to Mpape in Abuja where he was arrested after serious resistance on the 9th January, 2018.

Okotubo a 32-year-old native of Egbenma from Unelga Local Government Area of Rivers State, confessed that he was one of the masterminds of the gang and actively participated in the killings of innocent people in Omoku Rivers state on New Year day.

He further gave details of how they planned the operation in Awara Town Imo State before they carried out the act.

The suspect, also revealed to the police how their gang leader Don Wanny, gathered and briefed them on the night of December 31, 2017, on the mission to attack and kill residents of Omoku town.

Thirty of the suspects armed with 20 AK47 rifles crossed the river from Awara to Omoku forest and proceeded to Omoku town and opened fire on innocent Citizens celebrating the new year.

“An investigation is being intensified to arrest other members of the gang still at large to get to the root of the matter. The suspect will be arraigned in court on completion of the investigation”, he said.

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