

Two Killed, 15 Injured, 10 Arrested In Bloody MASSOB Anniversary

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The 19th anniversary of the Chief Ralph Uwazuruike-led Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB), otherwise called Biafra Independence Movement (BIM), celebrated on May 22 turned out to be a bloody event in Onitsha and environs as two members were reportedly shot dead by the police, 10 ar-

rested, while 15 sustained bullet injuries.

Addressing newsmen in Onitsha while reacting to the bloody incident, the Ogbaru Regional Administrator of BIM-MASSOB, Amadi Ifeanyi (aka Ochiagha) said: "We were hoisting our flag at about 2a.m this morning, at Upper Iweka axis, in preparation for our 19th anniversary, when the police stormed the place in three Hilux vans, shot at us and, in the process, killed two of us.

"They arrested 10 of us and over 15 got bullet wounds. We are a non-violent organisation struggling for a Biafran state."

Amadi, who spoke through his Director of Finance in Ogbaru, Ezeaka Martins, added that "they should release the corpses of our members to us; those killed were Innocent Okoye and Uche Ezinwanne."

Also speaking, Chuks Nnaedozie, the Ogbaru Director of Security, stated that those hospitalised in-

cluded Clifford Nwankwo, Ndubuisi Ikpeazu, Aloy Ibeh, and others yet to be identified.

In his reaction, the Regional Administrator for Onitsha North, Christian Umeaka, added that one of his members had not been seen since he was arrested by the police when he went to hoist the flag.

He stressed that no amount of intimidation would stop them from struggling for a Biafran state.