

# Security Operatives Storm IPOB Headquarters In Imo

## ● Scores Killed, Arms, Ammunition, Military Uniforms Recovered

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A joint team of the police, Army and Directorate of State Services (DSS) in the early hours of Saturday, raided the headquarters of the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) in Awomama village in Orlu East Local Government Area (LGA) of Imo State.

The security men alleged that the IPOB members were responsible for the attacks on the Imo State Police Headquarters and the Nigerian Correctional Service in the state on April 5, 2021.

They were alleged to have also carried out series of attacks on security personnel and formations in the South East and South South geo-political zone.

Sunday Independent gathered that as the security men approached the base of the IPOB members, they were allegedly attacked, but reportedly fought back.

The security operatives eventually neutralised the leader of the IPOB members, popularly known as Ikonso Commander, and six others.

Ikonso, according to the security operatives, was

known as the Vice President-designate as well as the Coordinator of the group's militia operations.

He was said to be the mastermind and coordinator of the attacks on the Imo Police Headquarters and several other attacks on security and military personnel and facilities.

The operation, according to an insider among the operatives, was part of efforts by the police and other security forces to check the activities of IPOB in Imo and other states of the South East and South South region.

It was disclosed that after the fight, the security team recovered bodies of Ikonso Commander and six of colleagues.

Several sophisticated weapons including six AK-47 rifles, hundreds of ammunition of different caliber and charms, including bullet-proof charms and military camouflage, were recovered from the IPOB members.

At the time of filing this report, three policemen and one Army officer who sustained serious injuries, were said to be receiving treatment.