

# Troops Kill 6 IPOB/ESN Members In Abia, Enugu

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Joint troops of 82 Division Nigerian army and the Nigeria police yesterday neutralized three Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its armed affiliate, Eastern Security Network (ESN) at Igboro Forest, between Arochuku and Ohafia local government areas of Abia State.

Similarly, troops of 82 Division NA in synergy with the

Nigeria Police Force, acting on credible intelligence busted IPOB/ESN hideout at Ezioha Mgbowo in Awgu local government area of Enugu State.

The director Army Public Relations, Brig-Gen Onyema Nwachukwu said the troops also destroyed several hideouts/camps used by members of the groups to perpetrate heinous crimes.

He said the camps were uncovered, after several weeks of

credible surveillance revealed that IPOB/ESN were using the forest as a combat training ground for their members and as a base for planning and launching attacks on targeted civilians, security operatives and government facilities in the state.

He added that the troops on further exploitation of the camp recovered several weapons and ammunition, amongst others.

He listed items recovered

to include; one improvised 16 Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) Gun mounted on a vehicle, one improvised 12 MBRL gun, one improvised six MBRL Gun, one AK 47 rifle, one dane gun, six locally made rocket launchers, four Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), five fragmental jackets, one Baofeng Radio, military camouflage uniforms and several assorted charms.