

# Five IPOB members arrested over killing of policeman

**T**HE Police in Imo State have arrested five men suspected to be members of the proscribed Indigenious People of Biafra (IPOB) over the alleged killing of Police Sergeant, Joseph Nwaka.

Spokesman of the command, Orlando Ikeokwu, said in Owerri yesterday that the suspects were arrested in Isu Local Government Area (LGA) of the state on Thursday and Friday, by the anti-Kidnapping unit and other tactical teams of the command.

An AK-47 rifle with breech no 56-258115, 15 rounds of live ammunition, four locally fabricated weap-

ons, six live cartridges and a large quantity of weeds, suspected to be Indian hemp, were recovered from them.

He added that the killers of Nwaka, who, until his recent death, was attached to the Command's Department of Operations, made away with his AK-47 rifle.

According to him, one of the suspects, Onyekachi Mmadufor, of Umudurukwe, Isu LGA confessed to being a member of the IPOB and participated with others in attacks and killings of police and other security personnel.

He said: "On May 14, the CP deployed an anti-Kidnapping unit and other tactical teams of the command to Amanato, Isu LGA, for the arrest of members of the IPOB but the hoodlums engaged them in a heavy gun duel.

"The operatives successfully repelled and dislodged them, leading to the immediate arrest of five suspects while others escaped with possible gunshot wounds.

"Discreet investigation is in progress with a view to effecting further arrests, after which they will be charged to court for prosecution," he said.