

# *Ebube Agu*, police arrest 38 bandits in Ebonyi

**T**HE Ebonyi chapter of the Southeast security outfit codenamed *Ebube Agu* has arrested 38 suspected bandits in the state.

It was gathered that the arrests were made in conjunction with the police.

Thirty-seven suspects were apprehended in the Agubia area of Ikwo local government area while allegedly plotting to attack some security and government installations in the state.

The operation that led to the arrests was coordinated by Commissioner for Internal Security, Border Peace and Conflict Resolutions, Stanley Okoro Emegha and the Ikwo local government council chairman, Steve

## •One killed

From Ogochukwu Anioke,  
Abakaliki

Orogwu in conjunction with the Ikwo Divisional Police Officer.

The Commissioner confirmed the arrests in Abakaliki, the state capital, saying that the suspects were held following a tip-off.

Emegha said the suspects came from different parts of the state and various parts of the Southeast to carry out the operation.

"We got information that there were people gathering to burn some police stations, burn some INEC [Independent National Electoral Com-

mission] offices and courts in the area and then the *Ebube Agu* quickly mobilised and swooped on them.

"It was discovered that they have a map and came from different places like Enugu, Imo and others from different local government area of Ebonyi State. We asked questions, they said they have the authority of whoever they called their boss to burn those places.

"But unfortunately, luck ran out on them and they were all arrested and have been handed over to the police," he said.

The Commissioner said the suspects confessed to the crime.

According to him, the sus-

pects said they were working on the instruction of their boss who the security agencies are working hard to unravel.

Meanwhile, police in the state have killed one suspect and arrested another believed to have carried out recent attacks on police stations on three police stations in the state.

Police spokesperson Loveth Odah in a statement said the Police arrested one Eluu Ekpelu Emmanuel last week through intelligence report.

"He made useful statement to the police and led police operatives to the house of their gang leader popularly known as 'Blood'.

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