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## IPOB leader lynched in Imo

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**A** MOB in Imo yesterday lynched a suspected leader of Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), Obinwanne Iwu, 34.

The suspect, said to have escaped from the state correctional centre last September, was apprehended at the market square in Umuagbavo Oru Ahiara in Ahiazu Mbaise council of the

state while allegedly trying to enforce the sit-at-home order.

Commissioner of Police Hussaini Rabi'u said in a statement by spokesman Michael Abattam that the suspect and his group were forcing residents to close their shops.

"Shops were open and

people were going about their lawful businesses when one Obinwanne Iwu, an escapee of Imo Correctional Centre Owerri, came to the market with members of his gang attacking, looting and forcing people to lock up their shops, preventing them from doing their legitimate businesses," the statement said.

It added that the suspect and

his accomplices were shouting at the top of their voices, 'Today is Monday and everybody must obey the sit-at-home order' but this did not go down well with the people who resisted the suspects."

Abattam said a mob grabbed Iwu while his accomplices fled and beat him to death before police could get to the scene.