

# Abia villagers flee as gunmen kill soldiers

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Residents of Owaza and Obibor communities in Ukwa West local government area of Abia State have deserted the villages after gunmen killed two soldiers in the area.

The gunmen, according to reports, after killing the soldiers also carted away their arms.

It was also learnt the gunmen burnt the soldiers' patrol vehicles.

The soldiers were reportedly killed between Owaza and Obibor communities respectively.

The Nation gathered the incident forced most residents and indigenes of the two communities to leave to avoid possible reprisal by the military.

When contacted the Army Public Relations Officer (APRO) of 14 Brigade Headquarters Ohafia, Prince Omale, said that he was yet to be briefed on the incident.

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Buta source, who did not want to be named, confirmed the death of the soldiers.

The source disclosed the soldiers were killed around 4am at their duty posts.

The source further alleged that the soldiers were killed by members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB).

“Investigation into the matter is ongoing.

“The members of the communities that are leaving their villages do not have any need to do so because we are not going after innocent civilians who are going about their businesses.

“The people who committed the act are no longer there. So, what’s the need arresting innocent people?

“We have commenced investigation and will soon get to the roots of the matter,” said the military source.