## Army manhunt for abducted soldier in Abia

• Troops kill three IPOB members, lose one sol-

HE Army yesterday night said it has launched a search and rescue operation for one of its soldiers abducted in Ohafia area of Abia State.

Three members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) were killed by troops, while a soldier paid

the supreme price.

The Service said the soldier identified as Staff Sergeant Bassey Ikunugwan, was officially on leave pass when he was abducted by gunmen

Director of Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General

HE Army yesterday dier From Okodili Ndidi, Abuja

Onyema Nwachukwu, in a statement, also refuted the trending report that troops invaded Amangu communi-

ty in Abia State.

The Army spokesman said that during the search and rescue operations, on November 4, troops deployed at Okon Aku in Abia State came in contact with members of the armed group, neutralised one of the criminals and recovered one AK 47 rifle, a loaded magazine and one mobile phone.