

Military eliminates 20 IPOB/ESN terrorists

THE combined troops of Operation UDO KA, have eliminated 20 IPOB/ESN terrorists and destroyed their command centre in Mother Valley, Orlu Local Government Area of Imo State.

The operation was conducted together with the police, civil defence and Department of State Services personnel.

The Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Edward Buba, said in a statement in Abuja that the operation was held on March 7.

Buba said the troops destroyed about 50 tents, the terrorists Supreme Headquarters, Command and Control Centre, and their Military Council Headquarters.

Other structures destroyed included the terrorists residences, office, logistic base, temple and shrine.

According to him, the camp has been well concealed with foliage that affords the criminals cover from air surveil-

lance.

Buba said the camp also had sufficient power supply and several farms and livestock to sustain the terrorists.

"Following a fire fight, troops neutralised 20 terrorists and recovered several quantities of assorted weapons such as G3 rifles, AK47 rifles, auto pump action guns, double barrel guns, locally made pistols and RPG bombs," he said.

The Defence spokesman said the troops also recovered 226 rounds of 7.62mm special ammo, 216 rounds of 7.62mm NATO, 172 live cartridges, four AK47 magazines and three G3 magazines.

Others are several quantities of IEDs, POS devices, baofeng radios, mobile phones, CCTV cameras, inverter and batteries, and Biafra flags, among others.

According to him, the shrine at the camp was littered with shallow graves indicative of ritual killings.