

Troops kill scores of IPOB/ESN members in Anambra



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- *Destroy groups Mother Valley HQ in Imo, recover bombs, ammunition*

According to a statement signed by the Director of Army Public Relations, Major General Onyema Nwachukwu, the feat was achieved through the

The Nigerian Army said it has destroyed the alleged ‘Supreme Headquarters’ of the [Indigenous People of Biafra \(IPOB\)](#) and its militant wing, Eastern Security Network (ESN) at Mother Valley in Anambra State.

combined security clearance operations led by Joint Task Force South East Operation UDO KA (OPUK).

He disclosed that the operation started on February 11, 2024, while a large cache of weapons, ammunition, bombs, and other items was recovered.

“... the combined JTF troops of NA, NN, and NAF as well as personnel of NPF, DSS and NSCDC had cleared and liberated Orsu, Eke-ututu, Tango One Orsumorghu, Ihiteukwa Ihittenansa, and Lilu over the last 3 weeks.

“In continuation of the sustained operations, the JTF OPUK troops have today 7 March 2024 cleared and destroyed the notorious Supreme Headquarters of the terrorists Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its armed affiliate Eastern Security Network (ESN).

“The headquarters that serves as the last IPOB/ESN stronghold is located in the Mother Valley and spans Orsu and Ihiala LGAs of Imo and Anambra states respectively is about 5,000 feet below sea level. The well-concealed and forested location affords the terrorists good cover from air surveillance.

“It also serves as their command and control centre and military council headquarters,” the statement said.

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He, however, noted that during the operation, the gallant troops encountered, detonated, and recovered many command Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and various types of obstacles that were cleared by the determined troops.

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The troops also came in contact with the terrorists but were subdued with superior firepower with many neutralized while others with varying degrees of gunshot wounds fled into the bush. Thus, all Ndi-Imo and Ndi-Anambra are requested to report any strange face in their communities to OPUK by dialing Emergency Line 193 and Press 2 from their phones.

“In addition to many weapons, equipment, IEDs, and stolen vehicles recovered over the last 3 weeks, items recovered in the Mother Valley today include; 3 x G3 rifles, 9 x Automatic Pump Action Rifles, 7 x Double Barrel Guns, 2 x Locally Made Pistols, 2 x Rocket Propelled Grenade Bombs, 2 x AK 47 Magazine and 1 x G3 Magazine. Others are 26 rounds of 7.62mm Special ammunition, 16 rounds of 7.62mm NATO ammunition, 72 Pump Action Cartridges, 1 x Chainsaw, 1 x Laptop, 1 x CCTV DVR, and 26 x CCTV Cameras.

“17x Baofeng Radios with Batteries and 10 without batteries including their chargers.

Also recovered are, 6 x Handheld IEDs, 26 x android phones, 25 x normal phones, 1 x inverter, 1 x SIM Card Registration Machine, 4 x POS machines, 3 x Motorcycle batteries for igniting IEDs, 2 x Trumpets, 2 x Biafra flags, 20 x ESN certificates, 2 x Dairies containing details of ammunition and food supplies and 2 pairs of Biafra Liberation Army uniforms.