

# Troops kill IPOB men, bandits in Abia, Kaduna

**1.** **S**OLDIERS attached to the Operation Udo Ka-killed six terrorists following a raid on the camp of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its armed wing, the Eastern Security Network (ESN), in Igboro Forest, Arochuku Local Government of Abia State on Saturday.

The Nigerian Army made this known on its X handle yesterday, saying that the operation was embarked upon to apprehend the perpetrators of the attack on its troops in Aba last week.

**2.** Also, some troops Operation Whirl Punch killed five bandits during a patrol in

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Dantarau, Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State and recovered arms and ammunition from them, just as the air component also hit bandits camps in Igabi Local Government of the state.

In Abia, the army said during the intelligence-led operation, troops encountered improvised explosive devices along its axis of advance and one soldier sustained minor injury from the fragment.

"The terrorists' feeble firefights were adequately subdued with superior firepower that led to the neu-

tralisation of six members of the criminal terrorists group while others escaped into adjoining bushes with varying degrees of gunshot wounds as blood stains were seen along their escape routes.

"The gallant troops recovered three locally fabricated rocket-propelled grenade launchers, two locally fabricated artillery guns with tripods and bombs.

"Other items recovered include dane guns, Biafran flags as well as Toyota Tundra and Hilux vehicles that were burnt in situ. Also, all of their camps with different inscriptions were destroyed," the statement read

in part.

It added that the Joint Task Force Operation Udo ka called on the people of Abia to continue to cooperate with security agencies by giving credible and timely information that will help to annihilate the criminals in the State and the whole of Southeast.

It would be recalled that six soldiers were killed last week by the IPOB/ESN.

The attack took place at Obikabia Junction Checkpoint in Obingwa Local Government Area adjoining Aba metropolis, where troops of Operation Udoka were deployed to enforce peace in the area and protect

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