

Scores killed as troops, IPOB/ESN clash in Imo



Scores of suspected members of the **Indigenous People of Biafra** (IPOB) and its security arm, the Eastern Security Network (ESN), were reportedly killed during a recent raid by troops in Imo State.

A statement released via the Nigerian Army Headquarters' Facebook page on Monday noted that the assault was carried out by troops involved in Operation Udo Ka.

According to the post, the operation took place along the Ekeututu–Ihiteunansa Road within the Orsu Local Government Area of the state.

“During the operation, the troops encountered suspected IPOB/ESN members. In the ensuing engagement, several of the suspected criminals were neutralized.

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“Captured items included pump-action guns, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and IED-making materials, as well as charms.

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“The Acting Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General OO Oluyede, commended the troops for their gallantry and urged them to sustain their efforts in eliminating criminal elements from their hideouts.

“He also reassured the peace-loving people of the Southeast to carry on with their daily activities without fear,” the post said.