

Police kill four IPOB members, five sustain injuries in Imo shootout



Security forces in Imo State have neutralized four suspected terrorists and arrested five others after a gunfight with individuals believed to be members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its armed wing, the Eastern Security Network (ESN), in Ezioha, Eziana Autonomous Community, Mbaitoli Local Government Area.

The state police spokesperson, Henry Okoye, disclosed on Sunday that the operation also extends to Njaba and other affected areas, emphasizing the government's dedication to ensuring the safety of all communities in the state.

He said: "During this operation, security forces successfully neutralized four suspected terrorists and arrested five others following a protracted gunfight with the terrorists.

“In addition, eight motorcycles, several dangerous weapons including explosive devices, and communication equipment linked to IPOB/ESN members were recovered.

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He said that the Commissioner of Police, CP Aboki Danjuma, and Brigadier General U.A. Lawal, Commander of the 34 Artillery Brigade, Obinze, commended the professionalism of the joint security operatives.

“The operation is part of the state’s commitment to safeguarding all its communities, especially during the holiday season,” he said.

