

Police kill 15 in Imo, Kebbi, Ogun

① THE Nigeria Police have neutralised 14 criminals - nine, which include seven suspected Eastern Security Network (ESN) members in Imo and five terrorists in Kebbi states, recovering 23 arms and assorted ammunition.

② It also killed one armed robber in Ogun State.

③ In Imo State, a operation was carried out on February 8, targeting an IPOB/ESN terrorist camp in Ezioha Mbaitolu.

④ A follow-up on February 9,

• 23 arms, ammunition recovered

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led to the interception of another group of terrorists in Nkwukwo Forest, Mbaitoli Local Government. Three terrorist kingpins were neutralised, and two AK-47 rifles, one pump-action gun, one cutlass, four motorcycles, and various criminal charms were recovered.

⑤ In Kebbi State, police operatives attached to the Kebbi

State Command engaged kidnappers in a fierce gun duel in Tundafari Forest, Dakingari axis, on February 14, during which four kidnappers were killed, one arrested with injuries, and rescued the kidnapped victim, Umaru Bawa.

According to the Force's spokesman, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, yesterday, "The Inspector-General of Police, Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun, has com-

mended the efforts of the operatives involved and emphasised the need for continued vigilance in the fight against crime."

The spokesperson, the Ogun State Police Chief Superintendent of Police Omolola Oduola, said their officers also recovered a firearm after the gun duel on Saturday.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the incident occurred on the Sagamu-Ijebu Ode Highway.

Two killer-suspects of Anambra lawmaker escape

X TWO suspects arrested by security operatives in Anambra State said to be involved in the kidnap and killing of the state House of Assembly member, Justice Azuka, have allegedly disappeared. The situation has heightened tension, despite the efforts of the newly inaugurated security outfits, Agunchemba and Operation Udo Ga Achi.

Also, another Catholic priest, Rev. Fr. Jude Onyeka, has been abducted by gunmen. The decomposing body of the lawmaker, who was kidnapped on the eve of last Christmas, was found at

• Gunmen kidnap another Catholic priest

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the Second Niger Bridge where it was dumped by his abductors on February 6. The two suspects were among those recently arrested by the state security outfits - Agunchemba, the Anambra State Anti-tout Squad (SASA) and Nigerian Police.

They were said to have escaped from Police during an operation, it was learnt.