

Security operatives kill two gunmen in Imo

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TWO unknown gunmen have been killed in Ikenanzizi in Obowo Local Government Area of Imo State during a joint operation carried out by the Nigerian Army and the state police command.

The Commissioner of Police,

Imo State, Mr Abutu Yaro, confirmed this to newsmen on Friday in Owerri.

Yaro said items recovered after a gun battle between the security agents and a group of gunmen included two rifles, five motorcycles, a Lexus jeep and one 18-seater bus.

He said the operation was carried out in line with the Federal

Government's resolve to rid the country of insecurity.

"It was a joint operation of the army, air force and the police. Two unknown gunmen were killed in the process and investigation is ongoing," Yaro said.

The police boss, however, said that the team could lay hands on only one corpse, as the hoodlums escaped with

other one.

He disclosed that the body of the slain gunman had been deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre, Owerri.

Yaro advised residents of the state to remain calm and go about their lawful activities, adding that security agencies had the situation under "firm" control.