

## news

# Sit-at-home order: No movement in South East states as IPOB records full compliance

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stations locked.

There was, however, heavy security presence in major cities and towns to include Akachi, Okigwe and Dick Tiger Roads, Imo State University Junction, Control Junction, Airport Junction, Obiangwu-Ngor Okpala and Amakohia- Akwakuma Fly-over and the World Bank/Umuguma Junction.

Military helicopters were seen hovering around the Sam Mbakwe Cargo Airport as part of the security surveillance in the area.

Some residents, who spoke with NAN on the development, said they obeyed the order to be on the safe side.

Traders, civil servants, commercial bus drivers, motorist among others deserted the roads, totally observing the order.

### Delta

There was partial compliance to the sit-at-home order in Asaba, Delta State capital and its environs.

Public and private schools, banks, markets and shops in Asaba, Ogwashi Uku were closed while few vehicles were seen on the roads.

Nigerian Tribune reports that the popular Ogbogonogo market and Koka junction in Asaba, which used to be a beehive of activities, were virtually empty.

However, some of the banks later opened their gates to customers at about 12 noon.

Members of IPOB were said to have had a brief but peaceful protest in Cable area of the state capital in the

early morning hours.

Black marketers sell petrol at N300 per litre in Ebonyi

Black marketers in major streets of Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, cashed in on the sit-at-home order by IPOB to make brisk business.

The black marketers sold petrol for between N200 and N350 per litre.

In separate interviews with NAN, a cross-section of the hawkers expressed happiness over the development.

### Police confirm death of hoodlum enforcing order

The police in Ebonyi State confirmed the death of a suspected hoodlum in Abakaliki.

Police spokesperson, Loveth Odah, told NAN that the hoodlum was killed in gun battle with the police.

She explained that hoodlums were intimidating and forcing people to comply with the directive of the proscribed group and had to be stopped.

She said members of the proscribed IPOB were intercepting motorcycles, molesting, threatening and shooting sporadically into the air to scare people from engaging in their normal activities.

"One of the hoodlums lost his life when they opened fire on our men."

"People were going about their legitimate businesses and activities in the area but the hoodlums were distracting and forcing them to obey the IPOB's 'sit-at-home' directive.

"They blocked some axis in the metropolis, collecting motorcycles and burning them," Odah said.

### IPOB expresses delight over full compliance

IPOB expressed delight at the full compliance to the sit-at-home order recorded in the South-East and some states in the South-South.

According to the IPOB leader, Nnamdi Kanu, the success of the exercise had sent panic waves down the spine of their oppressors.

In a statement released by its media and publicity secretary, Emma Powerful, on Monday evening, the group commended South-East governors, Governor Ifeanyi Okowa of Delta State and friends and lovers of Biafra freedom for making the exercise a success.

The IPOB statement reads: "We immensely thank the people of Akwa Ibom, Cross Rivers, Anambra, Abia, Delta, Imo, Edo, Rivers, Bayelsa, and Kogi states as well as Igbanke, Idoma and Iggede people for being part of the success story. We equally extend our appreciation to our brothers and sisters in Ambazonia for their wonderful support.

"We cannot thank the Biafran Diaspora community for their inestimable contributions in our struggle for independence.

"Biafrans in the Diaspora did us proud on Sunday, May 30 when they trooped out in their thousands to celebrate the Biafra Day in their respective host countries. We are very proud of you all.

"Above all, we are grateful to the Almighty God, Chukwu Okike Abiama for making the exercise peaceful and hitch-free. We are peace lovers and will continue to push for our freedom peacefully."