

Sit-at-home: Troops kill four ESN gunmen in Anambra, Army loses two fighters

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Nwachukwu.

THE military high command on Wednesday said troops of the Nigerian Army have neutralised four Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB)/ Eastern Security Network (ESN) gunmen at Ihiala town in Anambra State.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by the Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General Onyema

He, however, lamented that one combat vehicle conveying troops was involved in an accident during the operation following a technical fault.

Nwachukwu said one officer and a soldier paid the supreme price during the incident.

He said: "Sadly, one combat vehicle conveying troops was involved in an accident during the operation following a technical fault.

"One gallant officer and a soldier paid the supreme price in the accident, while two sustained injuries; the injured are currently responding to treatment at a military hospital."

The statement further explained that the neutralised gunmen, who were enforcing the sit-at-home order of the outlawed group, fired sporadically in and around a filling station in Ihiala town, which made the troops to

race to the area on receiving a distress call.

It added that on intercepting the dissidents, a fire fight ensued and the troops neutralised their leader, Ejike, and three others.

According to the statement, exhibits recovered from group include one motorcycle, two pump-action double-barrel guns, 12 live cartridges and substances suspected to be cannabis, among others.

5 Son allegedly hacks father to death in Yobe

THE police command in Yobe State on Wednesday said a 20-year-old man, Mai (surname withheld), has hacked his father, Goni Kawu, to

death with a pestle in Masaba in Bursari Local Government Area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP

Dungus Abdulkarim, told the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** in Damaturu that the incident occurred on Tuesday at about 7:30 p.m.

He said Kawu (65), sustained injury on the head as a result of the attack and was confirmed dead by a doctor in the hospital.