

13 killed in gunmen clash in Anambra

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POLICE in Anambra State have killed more than 10 hoodlums and destroyed three camps harbouring them in Achalla, Awka North Local Government Area of the state.

The state police command's spokesperson, DSP Ikenga Tochukwu, disclosed this on Saturday, saying the attack took place on Friday.

Ikenga said the criminals had earlier captured two policemen and a civilian who was described as a car tracker, who had joined the police in their operation, to recover a stolen vehicle.

The police, however, re-inforced and dislodged the criminals, leading to the killing of more than 10 of them, while many others escaped with bullet injuries.

"During the operation, police recovered a human skull, one locally made rocket propelled grenade RPG launcher,

two (RPG) bombs, one single-barrel long gun, and an empty chain of bullets.

"Other recovered items include one Toyota Sienna, one Mercedes Benz 4matic jeep, two cylinders, a huge quantity of hard drugs and other items, including a police beret and a police belt," police said.

In the press release, Ikenga explained that: "The recovery came following a counter-offensive operation launched against criminal elements who had on 15/7/2022 laid an ambush against a 6-man police team and a civilian car tracker who were on a recovery operation of a Toyota Sienna Space Wagon.

"The vehicle was earlier snatched at gunpoint on 9/7/2022 in Oye-Agu Abagana. Four of the police operatives escaped the ambush, while two of the police operatives and the car tracker were captured by the criminals."