

## Troops kill IPOB/ESN members in Imo

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THE Nigerian Army on Wednesday said its troops at 82 Division, made up of troops of 34 Artillery Brigade, in conjunction with troops of Nigerian Navy, Air Force

and other security agencies, have killed two combatants of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and its militant wing, Eastern Security Network (ESN), on the Eke Ututu - Ihitte Nansa road in Orsu Local Government

Area of Imo State.

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

The army explained that

the troops encountered the terrorists on Tuesday while carrying out a raid operation around the general area of Orsu Ihitte Ukwu and Ihitte Nansa.

According to the state, the members had taken position

to launch one of their primed rocket launchers when they were engaged and taken out by the troops.

It added that the troops were unhurt after an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) deployed by the hoodlums

exploded at Eke Ututu market, destroying some shops.

It pointed out that after the incident, the Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD) team recovered several IEDs planted on the road, as well as locally-fabricated rocket launchers.