

## How Gulak was killed —Police

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**T**HE police in Imo State say they have arrested the suspected leader of the gang that killed Dr Ahmed Gulak, a former presidential aide.

Spokesperson for the police in the state, CSP Michael Abattam, stated this while parading the suspect, Chinwendu Nwagwu, at the command's headquarters in Owerri on Wednesday.

According to the *News*

*Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, Abattam said Nwagwu, popularly known as 'Onye Army,' confessed to joining the Nigerian Army in 2013 but left in 2021 and joined the Eastern Security Network (ESN), the armed wing of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB).

He said Nwagwu further confessed to leading the gang that attacked offices of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Ihitte-Uboma and Isiala Mbano council areas, as well as

the state headquarters in Owerri.

According to the police spokesperson, Nwagwu was arrested at his country home in Nguru, Aboh Mbaise council area of the state on December 25.

He also said that the suspect confessed to the use of black magic to prevent bullets from penetrating his body, adding that several items were recovered from his home upon his arrest.

Abattam listed the items to include five pump-action guns, four locally-made pistols, two

cut-to-size double-barrelled guns, 50 rounds of live cartridges, locally-made hand grenades and ESN regalia.

Abattam said: "He [Nwagwu] rose to become the commander in the ESN and personally confessed to have trained over 100 persons in the IPOB.

② "He also confessed to have been part of those who burnt police stations, INEC offices and killed several innocent people."

③ "He confessed to a recent kidnap of expatriate engineers on the Umuna/

Okigwe road, murder of a native doctor in Nguru, Aboh Mbaise council area of Imo and killing of a police inspector and a police sergeant in Aboh Mbaise police station.

④ "He confessed to leading the burning of several police stations, the killing of a truck driver along Mbaise road, attack of Owerri Correctional Centre and Police Headquarters in Imo."

Abattam added that Nwagwu, who confirmed his involvement in the killing of Gulak, said his pay masters, including some

traditional rulers, had deserted him and declared him wanted.

He added that the suspect said he had been praying to come in contact with security operatives who he believed would spare his life and give him a chance to legally defend himself.

"When my gang member shot Gulak, the bullet didn't penetrate his body, so I came down from our vehicle, removed the rings on his finger and shot him before the bullet eventually penetrated. He fell to the ground and died," he said.