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## Five IPOB members were killed when they attacked our men, Abia Police allege

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THE Abia State Police Command on Saturday said that an attack on their men by some members of the Indigenes People of Biafra (IPOB) resulted in the death of five members of the proscribed group.

This was contained in a statement by the command's Public Relations Officer (PRO), Geoffrey Ogbonna, on behalf of the Police Commissioner, Mr Mustapha Bala.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that five members of the group were shot dead in Osusu Aba on Friday as they were on a procession across Aba.

Some of the residents, with video evidence, said the group was protesting peacefully without disturbance.

Mr Chinomso Aka, a witness, said the group was protesting the continued detention of its leader, Nnamdi Kanu, when the incident happened.

Bala said that "On Friday, 31 March 2023, at about 11:45 a.m., policemen on confidence building patrol/show of force within Aba metropolis came under attack by the proscribed IPOB/ESN members.

"They were armed with petrol bombs; machetes, battle axes and other weapons. The attack was repelled by the police operatives with minimal casualties while the majority of the hoodlums scampered for safety.

"However, normalcy has re-

turned in the area."

The command, therefore, warned any persons or groups intending to scuttle the relative peace enjoyed in the state to rethink such an idea.

It further said that the security operatives in the state would not fold their arms and watch disgruntled elements cause crisis in the state.

