

# Troops kill IPOB/ESN terrorist, destroy camps in Imo, Kaduna

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**T**HE Nigerian Army High Command on Sunday said its troops have successfully cleared a hideout of the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra/Eastern Security Network (IPOB/ESN) at Ihiteukwa community in Orsu Local Government Area of Imo State, killing a terrorist after intense gunfire.

This was contained in a

statement made available to newsmen in Abuja on Sunday by the Director, Army Public Relations, Major-General Onyema Nwachukwu.

According to the statement, "on overpowering the fighters, the troops conducted a search in their hideout and recovered three Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), one Toyota Highlander SUV, one Hilux vehicle, eight rounds of 7.62mm (Special) ammunition, six rounds of 7.62mm

(NATO) ammunition and one locally fabricated single barrel gun.

"Other items recovered from the terrorists' hideout include a pair of proscribed Biafran uniform, one solar panel, one CCTV camera, 10 mobile phones, batteries, a bundle of proscribed Biafran currency, three solar street lights, three jungle hats, pairs of black boots and assorted charms."

The statement added that in a separate operation at a suspected IPOB/ESN cross-

ing point in Akawa Nneato general area of Umunneochi Local Government Area of Abia State, troops engaged the terrorists in a firefight, resulting in the terrorists scampering in disarray into nearby bushes.

According to the statement, "on exploiting further after the shootout, troops recovered one AK-47 rifle loaded with 19 rounds of 7.62mm (Special) ammunition, two empty magazines and one FN rifle loaded with four rounds of 7.62mm

(NATO) ammunition.

"In another development, troops operating in the Kawara general area of Birnin Gwari forest in Kaduna State have cleared and destroyed several terrorists' camps in the area.

"During the operation, troops recovered three motorcycles, one PKT gun link containing 246 rounds of 7.62mm by 39mm ammunition, one woodland camouflage and a pair of Desert boots.

"Other items recovered

include three magazine carriers and one Boafeng radio."

The statement pointed out that troops have dominated the general area and are conducting further exploits in pursuit of the insurgents, adding that the Nigerian Army remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of citizens and would continue to sustain operations to sanitise troubled areas in order to restore peace and stability to the country.