

Soldiers foil kidnap attempt, kill 2 suspected criminals in Imo

JOINT Task Force, Operation
UDO KA, says it has foiled an
attempted kidnap of another
South-East personality at
Umuaka community in Njaba
Local Government Area (LGA)
of Imo State.

Spokesman of Joint Task
Force, Lieutenant Colonel
Jonah Unuakhalu, said in a
statement on Saturday in Enu-
gu that the kidnap was foiled
by troops on routine patrol on
Friday.

According to Unuakhalu,
the troops, while on a routine
patrol at Umuaka, along Orlu-
Owerri road, were alerted of
the kidnap incident and the
escape route of the kidnap-
pers.

He said: "The troops swiftly
pursued the kidnappers . In
the fire fight that ensued, the
troops neutralised one of the
kidnappers and injured two
others despite their attempts
to use passer-by as human
shield.

"The troops recovered one
AK-47 rifle with two loaded
magazines and a motorcycle."

The spokesman said that
similarly, troops in conjunction
with personnel of Naval Base,
Oguta, neutralised a member
of the Indigenous People of Bi-
afra (IPOB) and its Eastern Se-
curity Network (ESN) terrorist
group at Amagberedere village
in Oguta Local Government
Area of Imo State.