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Director-General, State Security Service, Mr. Ekpenyong Ita

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The Director General of the State Security, Mr. Ita Ekpeyong, has said the State Department will not be deterred by the gruesome killings of 10 of its operatives by suspected members of the Ombatse Cult in Nasarawa State.

Ekpeyong said only those who were perpetrating acts inimical to the well being of the country, would surrender to the State Department.

The DG stressed that the SSS was irrevocably committed to the performance of its sacred security responsibilities of protecting the society against the criminal

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The talk-back option, democratic theorists insist, is the oxygen that keeps democracies afloat, preventing stakeholders from listening only to

activities of terrorists and others who were involved in violent crimes in the society.

Ekpeyong made this comment at a candle light ceremony held on Saturday in Abuja, in honour of 10 operatives of the service who were killed alongside other security operatives while on a mission to arrest the Head of the Ombatse cult, Alla Agu, at Lakyo community of Nasarawa State on May 7, 2013.

A total of 103 security personnel comprising the 10 SSS operatives, riot policemen and conventional policemen were killed in the operation which also claimed the life of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Momoh, who led the operation.

He said, "For the rest of us here, in this moment of sorrow, adversity and temptation, let us in unison agree not to buckle or be cowed. Never.

"Evil has never triumphed over good. We remain resolute, determined and focused.

"Therefore, for the sake of our colleagues and the survival of our country, we will never be the ones to raise the White Flag. The terrorists, the kidnappers, the bandits will be the ones. They must raise the white flag."

He berated those behind the killings of the security personnel, saying they only converted their community to a burial place of innocent security men on a mission to maintain the peace for the collective good of society.

Ekpenyong explained that the operatives were deployed to participate in the failed operation to arrest the activities of the Ombatse group, which according to him, were threatening the peace in the area.

The SSS DG alleged that the members of the sect forcibly initiated some Muslims and Christians on different occasions into the sect.

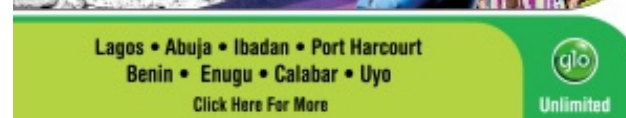
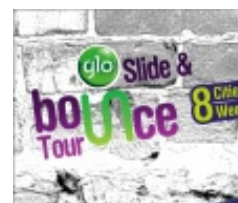
"The Ombatse worshippers had on April 2013 at Arugba Isa village, in Lafia North District, forcibly initiated some members of Izalla muslims. Again on 28 April, 2013, some Christians in three churches in Gidan Gambo village were forcefully initiated.

"Similarly, on 2nd May 2013 at Kayarde village, an attempt by members of the group to initiate some muslims almost led to a violent confrontation.

"Because, from experience, this was the same manner that the Maitatsine sect and Boko Haram terrorists started."

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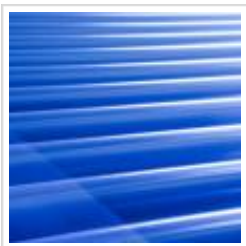
In his remarks, the National Security Adviser, National Security Adviser, Col. Sambo Dasuki, (retd.), urged the members of the service to be resolute in the performance of their duties promising that the late men would not die in vain.

He said, "These are very difficult times for all of us and it is not a moment of rejoicing. To the other operatives of the service, use the unfortunate incidence as a motivation. We know what we are up against.

"Everyday you go out might be the last one you see your loved ones but that should not deter you. We must always conduct ourselves very professionally. Their deaths will not be in vain."

The Pioneer Director General of the Nigeria Security Organisation, Gen. Mohammed Abdulahi, (retd.), who represented past directors general of the SSS, berated the human rights community for keeping silent in the face of the killings of the security personnel.

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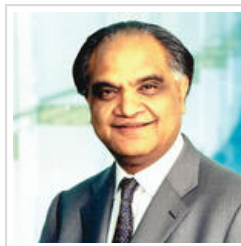
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You may try to deceive Nigerians and put the blame on so-called Ombatse and the Eggon tribe but something is definately being covered up.

This article just confirms that the SSS operatives where also at the scene of the tragic operation.

Now here's ny theory, from all information available the regular police, mopol and SSS were involved in this operation. What if the different security operatives went to the location of the operation without knowledge of that other operatives will be coming to the scene?

In one report one of the media reports, Eggon villagers confirmed that they where

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being questioned by SSS officers when mobile policemen arrived at the scene and started shooting. Now this article has confirmed the presence of the SSS at the scene. So if the the villagers were not in conflict with the SSS operatives then who are the police operatives that started shooting at the SSS and the villagers???

I consider that I have solved this case except proven otherwise, the SSS and the police operatives must have engaged each other in a shoot-out, and there is also the

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olanrewaju → akara · 18 days ago

yeah, i agree dt u hav "resolved" ds case for imbeciles lyk u who see d sense in evry issue from their narrow & myopic point of view. didnt u read newspapers? both d sss and police were mobilized for the operation, bt were ambushed becos some policemen leaked out the information. in any case, if ur thinkin faculty is as sharp as u want us 2 believe, is ds d right place 2 make comment dt tends to absolve d ombatse cult group & d alakyio people the heinous crime? my conclusion is dt u are either an ombatse from alakyio. dont worry, d sss hv their agents snooping around who mak careless statemnt lyk ds on ds matter dt has pain operatives. may the souls of this guys rest in peace.

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Obviously you are an Ombatse!

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Sure, I am, thanks to your efforts. Do you have any common sense? How can estimatedly 103 government operatives be killed by a so-called ombatse cult.

How is this possible? Who authorized this operation? Where are the cult

members ? Did they just dissappear into thin air? For 103 operatives to be killed by the Ombatse cult then their assailants must have numbered at least twice that number or matched them with superior firepower.

If you cannot answer my questions. Pls do something useful with your time. I have only heard about the Eggon tribe for the first time in my life barely one mth ago, and there is just too much mystery and unanswered questions to be unravelled.

Except you have information to shed more light on this tragic incident. You had better stick your lousy mouth inside a bowl of your own faeces, where it truly and surely belongs.

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morack · 19 days ago

police authority shld lean how 2 celebrate their own fallen heroes like d sss and the army this is one of d reasons while members of npf dont want 2 give their best in protecting dis nation police is not worth dying 4

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