

# We've dismantled ESN stronghold, neutralised fighters in Anambra – Army

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**T**HE Nigerian Army, on Tuesday, said its troops, in a joint operation with other security agencies, dislodged the stronghold of the Indigenous People of Biafra and its armed affiliate, Eastern Security Network, in Lilu Forest, in the Ihiala Local

Government Area of Anambra State.

An undisclosed number of IPOB members were said to have been neutralised, while their weapons, including guns, cutlasses and Biafra flags, were recovered.

A statement by the Director of Army Public Relations, Brig-Gen. Onyema Nwachukwu, said the operation was carried out in the early

hours of Monday, January 17, 2022.

He said Lilu, a border town between Imo and Anambra states, was hitherto used as an operational base of the dissidents.

The statement partly read, "After dislodging the dissidents from their fortress, the dogged troops recovered 10 pump-action shotguns, two locally-fabricated guns, one revolver



• Recovered exhibits

pistol, rounds of 7.62 mm special, live cartridges, machetes and IPOB flags. Other items recovered are mobile phones, laptops, among other weapons.

"The operation was jointly conducted by troops of the 82 Division, Nigerian Navy, 211 Quick Response Group of the Nigerian Air Force, Department of State Services and the Nigeria Police. It was a well-coordinated dawn attack on the fortress, where plans were being perfected to violently enforce the illegitimate sit-at-home declaration by the irredentist group."

## Neighbours beat Osun housewife for bathing daughter with hot water over errand



cooking when the incident happened. She injured the victim with hot water, obviously out of frustration. We are proceeding with our investigation."

A neighbour to the housewife, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Zainab had sent his daughter to grind pepper, but the girl refused.

girl was scared to go near the house.

"It was after that incident that the mother told her to grind pepper, but the girl did not run the errand. She thought that the mother wanted to lure her in and punish her. The mother seized her and poured hot water on her," the neighbour said.

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