

Mob stones Lagos task force,

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A paramilitary officer attached to the Lagos State Environmental and Special Offences Unit (task force), Monday John, has been feared killed during an attack on the agency around the Kara bridge area on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Ogun State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the task force officials had gone to a destination in Lagos to carry out enforcement on motorcycles plying the highway.

During the exercise, the officials reportedly impounded some motorcycles and put them in their operational truck and left.

In a bid to recover their seized property, the aggrieved motorists reportedly mobilised, boarded a bus and chased the task force team.

Our correspondent gathered that as the officials approached the Berger end of the expressway, they navigated a bend around the



Scene of the incident

bus stop.

The officials were said to be carrying out another operation at the bus stop when the aggrieved motorists attacked them around 2pm.

A trader, who gave her name only as Bukola, said a paramilitary officer working with the agency was lynched.

She said, "When they got to the junction to navigate a bend back to Lagos, they got down

to raid other motorcycles plying the highway.

The motorists protested against the raid and refused to release their motorcycles because the area is not under Lagos State.

During the argument that followed, other Okada riders whose motorcycles had been impounded met them at the bus stop.

The angry Okada riders



Task force chairman

started throwing stones and sticks at the task force officials. When the attack became much, the officials entered their vehicles and fled the area.

"A man who worked with them was mistakenly left behind and the angry motorists pounced on him. They beat him with sticks and stoned him to death."

A commercial driver, who

Delta pastor, Fufeyin, petitions police, clerics of blackmail, cyberstalking

Matthew Ochei, Asaba

THE General Overseer of Christ Mercyland Deliverance Ministry, Effurun, Delta State, Prophet Jeremiah Fufeyin, has petitioned the state Commissioner



their blood as thrown up in the trending video are not issues that should be treated lightly by the law and its enforcement agencies but should be thoroughly investigated with the level of dispatch it deserves.

"There has never been

One killed, houses burnt in Benue communal clash

John Charles, Makurdi

ONE person was killed and many houses burnt on Thursday in a renewed fight between Mbakume and Mbasombo communities, Ikpayongo, in the Gwer East Local Government Area of Benue State.

A native of the area, who did not want to be identified, said many residents had fled their homes.

He said, "As I speak to you, many people have left the two communities."

Recall that the two communities on several occasions had clashed while the state

government and security agencies tried to restore peace.

Sometime in 2020, Governor Samuel Ortom suspended two district heads from the communities over disagreement in their domains which led to the killing of several people.

The Chairman of Gwer East LGA, Terwase Orterga, said security personnel had been drafted in the area to maintain peace and order.

Also, the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Catherine Anene, said policemen were deployed in the area after the police command got a report of threat to peace in the communities.

lynches officer for impounding motorcycles

identified himself as Olawole, said after the victim was killed, the mob dumped his body in a river close to the Kara Bridge.

He said, "The motorists threw stones and sticks at the task force officials and two personnel fell from the truck. One escaped, while the other person was captured and killed. The motorists dropped his body in a river at Kara Bridge. The police were informed and they came to the area to restore peace. We were also told that some of the people who committed the act had been identified."

The transport union chairman in the area, who identified himself as Oloba, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Thursday.

He said, "Although I wasn't around when the incident happened, from what I gathered, it was the Okada riders that chased the victim, pinned him down, and dumped his body in a river at

Kara Bridge after killing him."

The spokesperson for the task force, Raheem Gbadeyanka, while condemning the attack, said no fewer than 21 suspects

were arrested.

He said, "Investigation is still ongoing and the person is still missing. The person is a paramilitary officer attached to the team. He alighted to

buy sachet water and was attacked by the motorists and he's still missing till date.

"We didn't carry out any operation in Ogun State; we were only trying to navigate

from there back to Lagos when the incident happened."

Efforts to get a reaction from the state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Adekunle Ajisebutu, proved

abortive, as calls to his mobile number were unanswered.

He had also yet to respond to a text message sent to his number as of the time this report was filed.

Army uncovers well with decomposing bodies of kidnap victims

Raphael Ede, Enugu

THE Nigerian Army on Thursday said it raided the hideouts of the outlawed Indigenous People of Biafra and its militant wing, Eastern Security Network in Anambra and Imo states.

It also disclosed that during the operations, one of the hoodlums was neutralised, while three suspects were arrested and several weapons recovered.

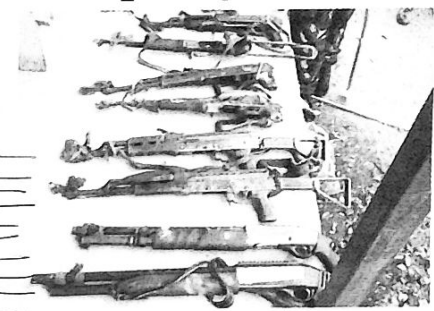
A statement by the Director, Army Public Relations, Brig-Gen. Onyema Nwachukwu, also said troops busted an IPOB/ESN syndicate that

disrupted the Wednesday's local government election conducted by the Enugu State Independent Electoral Commission.

The statement read, "The troops of 82 Division, Nigerian Army, on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, conducted operations to clear criminal havens, from where members of the Indigenous People of Biafra and its armed wing, Eastern Security Network operate at Azia, Orsumoghlu, Lifu Forest, Mbosi and Uli in Ihiala and Orsu local government areas of Anambra and Imo states, respectively."

"During the clearance operations, troops overpowered and routed the dissidents, who staged an ambush against the gallant troops. The troops then proceeded to clear Lifu Forest, where they were met with resistance from the outlawed group."

"During the clearance operations, the troops uncovered decomposing remains of kidnapped and murdered victims dumped in a deep well by members of the irredentist groups."



Some of the weapons

"The gallant troops neutralised one of the criminals, arrested three suspects and recovered one pump-action shotgun, two live cartridges, two mobile

phones, one black coloured Toyota Hilux vehicle, a polythene bag containing substances suspected to be cannabis and the sum of N1, 920."

Pregnant housewife fakes kidnaps, buys house with ransom from Facebook lover

Hindi Livinus, Yola

A pregnant housewife, Jamila Ardo, has been remanded for allegedly kidnapping herself and collecting a ransom from her lover.

Ardo, who hails from Wauri Jabbe in the Yola South Local Government



the account number to receive payment from a friend.

Before the bubble burst, Ardo's husband had reportedly queried her source of income, as she claimed that her relatives sent the money.

She was subsequently arrested and arraigned