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# 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, Orsumoghu, Lilu 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 Lilu 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."

"In a separate operation conducted today, February 24, 2022, troops of 82 Division, Nigerian Army, in collaboration with the Nigeria Police burst an IPOB/ESN syndicate that disrupted the just concluded local government council elections at some polling stations in the Nkanu West of Enugu State.

"During the intelligence driven operation carried out around Centenary Estate, Obeagu Uno, troops uncovered seven AK-47 rifles, two pump-action rifles, 10 rifle magazines, eight live cartridges, 74 live rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition, one hand grenade, a tipper truck containing three corpses, among other items."

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"The command is aware of the petition over alleged cyberstalking, defamation and others; the command is trailing the perpetrators.

"The police are making frantic efforts to arrest the perpetrators of the viral video with a view to bringing them to justice."

## gun housewife who killed husband

allegedly bathed her husband with hot water which led to his death the following day.

A younger brother of the deceased was said to have reported the incident at the Lafenwa divisional headquarters, Abeokuta.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, disclosed this in a statement on Thursday.

The suspect reportedly bathed her husband with the hot water while he was asleep.

According to Oyeyemi, the incident happened on February 12, 2022, when the suspect, who was having a minor disagreement with her husband, boiled a pot of water and poured it on her husband, thereby causing him grievous bodily harm.

Oyeyemi added, "The victim was quickly rushed to a hospital for treatment, but he gave up the ghost on February 13, 2022, while receiving treatment.

"The suspect, having realised the gravity of the crime, took to flight since then.

"The case was not initially



• The suspect reported to the police until February 21, 2022, when the suspect was sighted in her hideout.

"Upon the report, the DPO, Lafenwa division, CSP Kayode Shadrach, detailed his detectives to the scene where the suspect was promptly arrested.

"Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole, has ordered the immediate transfer of the suspect to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for discreet investigation and diligent prosecution."

## 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 Wauru Jabbe in the Yola South Local Government Area of Adamawa State, allegedly abducted herself and collected the sum of N2m from Mallam Adamu Ahmed of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The 25-year-old woman, who allegedly connived with one Abdulaziz to fake her own kidnap to defraud her lover, succeeded in her plot.

She was said to have used the proceeds to buy a house.

The suspect and Ahmed reportedly fell in love after meeting on Facebook, unknown to the man that he was dealing with a married woman.

PUNCH Metro learnt that all through their dating, the duo never had physical contact, but the relationship blossomed as they kept in touch online.

Details of the fraud, as contained in the charge sheet indicated how Abdulaaziz, while conniving with Ardo, put a call through to her lover, informing him that she had been kidnapped and demanding a ransom.



Adamawa CP, Mohammed Barde

During negotiation for her release, Adamu was said to have heard Ardo crying, as she pleaded with him on the phone to pay the ransom.

Adamu was said to have deposited the money in a bank account with the name, Amina Mohammed.

"After sending the money, Adamu was informed by his lover that the kidnappers had released her.

"Adamu, however, became suspicious and filed a complaint at the State Investigation Bureau on November 16, 2021," the charge stated.

Detectives subsequently apprehended the owner of the bank account used to collect the ransom, Mohammed.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the suspect confessed that her friend, Ardo, requested

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 before Chief Magistrate Court I, Yola, on criminal conspiracy and kidnapping, contrary to sections 60 and 248 of the Penal Code Law.

She pleaded not guilty.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Abubakar Nurudeen, prayed the Magistrate, Abdullahi Digil, to adjourn the case to enable the prosecution to forward the case file to the Directorate of Public Prosecutions for legal advice.

Counsel for the defendant, C. Crowealth, who appeared alongside T. K. David, pleaded with the court to allow his client have access to a medical facility considering her condition.

Crowealth further asked the court to order the prosecution to avail them with all necessary documents to enable them to prepare for their defence.

Ruling, Digil granted the application and adjourned the matter till March 10, 2022, while ordering the remand of the defendant.