

# Sit-at-home: Soldiers kill four Abia gunmen, recover tortoise, charms

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Four gunmen have been killed by soldiers attached to the 144 Battalion of the 14 Brigade of the Nigerian Army, Aba, Abia State.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the incident happened around 2pm on Wednesday at Uratta, Aba axis of the Enugu-Port Harcourt Expressway.

The gunmen, who wore black clothes, reportedly marched through popular streets and markets, informing traders and residents about the imposition of a two-day sit-at-home order slated for Thursday and Friday.

They were said to have warned residents against disobeying the order, expected to be observed across South-Eastern states in protest against the President, Major General Muhammadu Buhari (retd)'s planned visit to Ebonyi State on Thursday.

A source said while the hoodlums were spreading the information, some shop owners started closing.

On getting to the Uratta Junction, they reportedly had a face-off with soldiers, which resulted in a gun duel. Four of the gunmen, including their leader, were reportedly killed, while others escaped with gunshot wounds.

A military source at the 14 Brigade confirmed the incident.

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The source equally confirmed the recovery of charms and life tortoise from the leader of the group.

However, a resident claimed that a group of street urchins reported the gang to the police and the army which led to the gun duel.

Efforts to get a response from the state Police Public Relations Officer, Geoffrey Ogbonna, were futile as calls to his phone number did not go through.

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