

① Three killed as police raid IPOB camp in Enugu

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The Enugu State police command said on Friday that three operatives of the Eastern Security Network of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra were killed in the Igbo-Eze North Local Government Area of the state.

The command's spokesperson, DSP Daniel Ndukwe, in a statement in Enugu said the hoodlums were killed when a combined team of Police Special Forces and Operatives serving in the Igbo-Eze North Police Division raided their camp at Imufu area of the council on Thursday.

He noted that the hoodlums were killed during a duel with the police, adding that weapons were also recovered from their camp.

According to Ndukwe, when the policemen operatives engaged them in a duel, "three of the hoodlums were neutralised in the ensuing gunfight," adding that many others escaped with varying degrees of gunshot wounds.

"Four pump action guns, one locally fabricated revolver gun and pistol, 67 live cartridges, military camouflage, fabrics of IPOB insignia, objects suspected to be amulets and other incriminating exhibits were recovered," the statement noted.

Meanwhile, the Ndukwe said preliminary investigation

revealed that "the criminal elements were responsible for the shooting and killing of two Neighbourhood Watch Group personnel on July 21 at about 1am at Umuagama in Enugu-Ezike community of Igbo-Eze North LGA and had made several attempts to enforce the illegal sit-at-home order in some parts of the council."

He said that the Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Ammani, had reaffirmed the command's commitment to weed out unrepentant criminals in the state while commending the operatives for successfully executing the operation.

Ndukwe noted that the commissioner tasked men and officers of the command to remain firm, resilient and maintain the tempo while soliciting the continued support of citizens of the state to weed out criminal elements in the society.



•Recovered items

③ Gunmen kill two soldiers, kidnap expatriate, others in Rivers

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Information emerged on Friday that gunmen allegedly killed two soldiers attached to the Ekaago-Ogboloma-Adada Road project in the Abia/Odual Local Government Area of the Rivers State.

The miscreants were also said to have abducted an expatriate, and three others working at the site of the project, being executed by the state government on Tuesday.

It was gathered that the two

soldiers were killed by the gunmen to pave the way for the abduction of the foreman, a foreigner, handling the project.

The assailants it was further gathered went away with the rifles of the slain soldiers, whisked the foreman, three other workers at the project site and a farmer they met while fleeing.

A community source, who pleaded anonymity for fear of being identified, told journalists that the hoodlums, after taking their captives shot aimlessly into

the air before escaping through a nearby river in Akani community in Abia/Odual LGA.

The source stated that following the development, residents of Emelego, Ogboloma and Okolomade communities fled out of fear.

The source stated, "Some hoodlums came to the Ogboloma road construction site on Tuesday with the intention of kidnapping the white man handling the road project. They laid an ambush and waited for them to resume duty. So, on sighting the army, they shot