

Biafran currency, corpses recovered in IPOB camps raid – Military

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Troops of the Joint Task Force, South-East, code-named Operation Udo Ka II, have cleared four notorious camps of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra and its armed affiliate, Eastern Security Network, in Imo State.

The troops, in the course of the clearance, neutralised two IPOB/ESN members, while four were arrested.

The acting Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, 82 Division, Nigerian Army, for the Joint Task Force Operation Udo Ka II, Lt. Col. Jonah Unuakhalu, made this known in a statement issued in Enugu on Monday.

Unuakhalu said the camps cleared were located in three communities – Ihube, Aku and Umulolo – in the Okigwe Local Government Area of Imo State.

He said that the clearance and recovery were carried out on Sunday, adding that troops encountered a large quantity of Improvised Explosive planted en route to the camps.

According to him, due to superior firepower, the separatist group members fled into the forests with gunshot wounds.

“It was discovered that the camps were being used to perpetuate atrocities such as cannibalism, occultic practices and ritual killings to instill fears in law-abiding citizens.

“These were evident from many fresh and old corpses discovered while clearing the entire camps.

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“Also, the houses of the two spiritual leaders and herbalists that took to their heels were destroyed.

“Furthermore, the shrine of the wanted terrorist, Amobi Chinoso Okafor, alias Temple, where human sacrifices are being made was destroyed,” he said.

Unuakhalu said the items recovered from the camps included different denominations of the Biafra currency, one new power bike, four motorcycles and solar panels.

Other items recovered were POP cement and a petroleum tanker suspected to have been hijacked from hard-working Igbo businessmen trying to make a living.

“Operation UDO Ka II will continue combating crimes in accordance with the extant rules and regulations guiding its operations.

“All law-abiding and good citizens of the South-East are enjoined to act against these devilish terrorists by providing timely, credible and reliable information which will lead to ending the menace of insecurity occasioned by activities of the terrorist group in the region.

“Do not be a victim of this sacrilegious. These criminals are desecrating Igboland,” the military spokesman said.