

# Anambra gunman killed in gun duel, arms recovered

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A suspected gunman was neutralised during a gun duel between policemen and miscreants in the Igbo Ukwu/ Ezinifite Uga area of Anambra State on Sunday.

The spokesperson for the command, Tochukwu Ikenga, in a statement on Monday, disclosed that the police encountered the armed men at about 11:30 pm during a routine patrol of the area.

According to the PPRO, the men engaged in a gun duel with the police but were unlucky as the operatives killed one while others fled the scene.

He said, “On 29/9/2024 by 11:30 pm, the police-led security force while on a patrol within Aguata LGA got information of suspected armed men sighted in a black-coloured Pardo Jeep along Igbo Ukwu/ Ezinifite Uga axis.

“The operatives on an offensive approach to the scene engaged the armed men in a gun battle and demobilised one of the miscreants while others escaped.”

Ikenga added that exhibits such as AK 57 rifles, armoured vests, and criminal charms, among others, were recovered.

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He added that a clearance operation has commenced in the area.

“Also, the security forces recovered two AK 47 rifles, one pump action gun, two magazines loaded with live ammunition, 15 live cartridges, one black Prado jeep with two different plate numbers, two police body armoured vests, three face caps, one black handbag and different types of criminal charms.

“Meanwhile, clearance operations are still ongoing, further details shall be communicated,” the PPRO stated.

*PUNCH Metro* reported on September 4 that the command said it launched a search for some yet-to-be-identified gunmen, following an attack on the Oba Police Divisional Headquarters and Oba Civic Centre, in Idemili South Local Government Area of the state.

During the incident, a yet-to-be-identified police corporal was killed while some other persons sustained varying degrees of injury.

Sources who pleaded anonymity for security reasons in the area had told our correspondent that the gunmen also attacked the Oba Civic Centre on their way, thereby causing some destruction at the facility.