

MASSOB bemoans killing of over 20,000 members in Anambra

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Movement for the Actualization of Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) has condemned what it said was the brutal killing of over 20,000 of its members by Nigerian security agents in Anambra State alone since the year 2000. This number it said excluded those that were still missing.

MASSOB Regional Administrator for Awka North, Anthony Nwodo, who made the declaration while speaking with Daily Sun in Aba, Abia State said statistics showed that most of those people killed in the past 13 years by security agents were secretly arrested and tortured to death.

Nwodo, claiming he was in Aba to stay away from the prying eyes of security agents in Anambra State, who he alleged had mounted serious manhunt for him said it was wrong for the police and other security agents in the state to have killed the MASSOB members that went about their struggle in a non violent manner.

"Since we started this struggle in the year 2000, security agents have killed more than 20,000 MASSOB members in Anambra State alone. Most of these people were secretly arrested and tortured to death."

The regional administrator said the latest of the killings was on October 14, when one Chimezie Anigbata was shot dead by the police at Onitsha.

Narrating the incident that led to the killing of Anigbata, Nwodo said that on October 14, MASSOB members got information that one Chinedu impersonated a MASSOB official and was demolishing a building at Otigba 3-3, in Oyi Local Government Area.

He said as an organisation that does not believe in violence, his members fished out the man and handed him over to the police.

Nwodo said to their surprise, hours after they had handed the culprit over, members of the state Joint Task Force stormed the venue of their meeting at the same Otigba and shot indiscriminately, killed Anigbata and wounded seven others.

"Security agents should know that MASSOB members are not grass cutters that could be killed at will. We, like other members of the society have the right of association and to exist.

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