

# Gunmen kill 65-year-old, injure wife in Ebonyi

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**A** 65-year-old man, Mr. Nathaniel Onwe, from Ishielu in Ishielu Local Government Area (LGA)

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in crime, that they won't succeed in Biafra land as long as we exist.

"Since the Nigeria security agencies have chosen to provide cover for known terrorists killing law-abiding and innocent citizens, it has become an existential duty on IPOB to keep defending our ancestral land, no matter the cost."

## s of Indian hemp in Ondo

rug in warehouse

stormed the town, which is at the boundary of Ondo and Edo States, discovered the warehouse and arrested two suspects with bags containing Indian hemp. Two bags of cannabis seeds were also seized during the operation that lasted for many hours.

Addressing journalists in Akure, acting state Com-

of Ebonyi state was yesterday shot dead by gunmen.

The gunmen also injured his 25-year-old wife.

Daily Sun gathered that the incident occurred at their house around 9pm on August 2.

The gunmen, it was further gathered, shot the man on his chest and shot the wife on the leg. The hoodlums, however, did not steal anything from the couple.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Loveth Odah, confirmed the incident.

She said: "Around 9:30pm, two unidentified gunmen invaded the

house of one Nathaniel Onwe, aged 65, and his wife who is 25 years. While they were discussing the sit-out in front of the compound, gunmen shot him on his chest and also shot the step-mother on the leg.

"They abandoned the victims in a pool of their blood and escaped into the bush from the backyard where they came from.

"Neighbours rescued the victims to FETHA 2, but Mr. Nathaniel Onwe could not make it, he was confirmed dead. His remains have been deposited in a mortuary.

"SUPOL Ishileu said he mobilised the area and combed the bush where the incident took place, but he could not arrest the gunmen.

"The second victim is responding to treatment in the hospital. Efforts are ongoing, seriously, to track down the suspects, and the Commissioner of Police, on hearing the matter, was not happy. He directed the immediate transfer of the case file to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for discreet investigation."

mander of the NDLEA, Cally's Alumona, said the state is unsafe for Indian hemp cultivators and traffickers.

He said the owner of the warehouse was still at large, but assured that the command will soon apprehend him. The NDLEA boss added that the operation will continue until the state is free of cultivation of illicit drugs.