

Police kill 4 gunmen, recover weapons in Anambra

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ANAMBRA State Police Command has neutralised four gunmen who attacked Aguata and Neni Police Divisional Headquarters in Aguata and Anaocha Local Government Areas of the state, respectively.

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Tochukwu Ikenga, in a statement, revealed that the command also recovered some weapons used by the armed hoodlums during the attacks.

He further said that some of the armed hoodlums escaped with varying degrees of gunshot injuries which they sustained during the heavy gun battles with gallant policemen.

The PPRO said that the attacks on the two divisional police headquarters took place on Sunday night, adding that there was no casualty on the part of the police.

"The operatives demobilised four of the armed hoodlums and recovered 17 pieces of 7.62mm live ammunition for AK 47 rifle, 107 pieces of expended 7.62mm ammunition for AK47 rifle, seven pieces of expended cartridges for pump action, 10 pieces of expended 7.62mm long for Lar rifle, one big hammer, three phones and a wallet containing IDs and some ATM cards.

"Preliminary information reveals that one out of the four demobilised miscreants, now late, Mr Onyebuchi Okoye "M" 34 years, who led the attack on Aguata Divisional Headquarters, was arrested earlier on November 4,

2021, with a revolver pistol and six 9mm ammunition by police operatives.

"He was charged to court for conspiracy to commit felony and unlawful possession of firearms under section 495 of the criminal code and on 21/01/2022 was granted bail by the court.

"Also in Neni division, the gunmen fled the scene due to the superior fire of the police operatives on duty. Both stations are intact and no arm was lost," the statement partly read.

Ikenga said that the

Commissioner of Police in the state, Echeng Echeng, had charged the police officers to sustain the tempo of the onslaught against criminals in the state.

"The CP, while reiterating the unwavering commitment of the command towards weeding out unrepentant criminal elements, enjoins law-abiding citizens of the state to remain vigilant and continue to support the command in the fight against acts of crime and criminality," he added.

Osun: NSCDC secures court order to destroy 56, 400ltrs of adulterated diesel

From **Lateef Dada**, Osogbo

THE Osun State Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has secured a court order to destroy 56,400 litres of adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (diesel).

A statement by the Public Relations Officer of the command, Atanda Olabisi, stated that Justice Nathaniel Ayoola-Emanuel of a Federal High Court, Osogbo, also ordered the auctioning of the three tankers, conveying the diesel.

The tankers are to be auctioned by licensed auctioneer while the proceeds, after the deduction of the expenses incurred, would be remitted into the treasury of the Federal Government.

The tankers with registration numbers: XT 985 MUS (LAGOS) had

17,000litres, FST 460 XA (LAGOS) had 220,000litres, and FST 709 XB (LAGOS) had 17,400 litres of adulterated diesel.

The spokesperson of NSCDC explained that the forfeited tankers have been in the custody of the NSCDC as exhibits since November 10, 2013, when the respondents were arrested.

Olabisi explained that the defendant/respondents were investigated and arraigned in court under Section 1(17) and (18) (i) of the Miscellaneous Offences Act, wherein they were granted bail and, subsequently, jumped bail.

The state commandant, CC Emmanuel Ocheja, vowed that no matter the antics employed by persons bent on frustrating the policies of the government, the arms of the law would get them and justice will be served.