

Troops arrest notorious kidnap kingpins, in Anambra, Kastina, Oyo, kill 1

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THE Nigerian Army said its troops on counter terrorism operations across the country have intercepted and thwarted the nefarious activities of notorious kidnap kingpins in Anambra, Oyo, and Katsina States, dealing a significant blow to criminal elements in the region.

In Anambra State, the army said troops on patrol successfully intercepted and arrested two suspected IPOB/ESN

members identified as Ifeanyi Godwin and Uche Onuoha, in a Toyota Highlander SUV, near Umunze, Orumba South Local Government Area (LGA).

The suspects were found in possession of two pump-action rifles, 41 cartridges, a handheld communication radio, and fetish objects. Further investigations revealed their involvement in criminal activities while have been on the wanted list of the Nigeria Police since 2023. Preliminary investigations further revealed that Ifeanyi Godwin allegedly built a hotel from proceeds of kidnapping which is used as an IPOB/ESN operations base.

It said that in Oyo State, troops acting on credible intelligence raided the residence of a suspected kidnap kingpin identified as Bello Chikidawoje, in the Bodija area of Ibadan North LGA. The operation led to the recovery of two AK-47 rifles, magazines loaded with ammunition, and additional rounds buried inside an animal's cage. Efforts were underway to apprehend Bello Chikidawoje and dismantle his criminal network.

In a separate operation in Katsina State, troops responded to a distress call about terrorists blocking the road in Ruma Yargamji, Batsari. The swift action by the troops compelled the terrorists to flee, resulting in the recovery of three empty AK-47 magazines along their withdrawal route.

In Kankara LGA, Katsina State, troops acted on intelligence about terrorists planning an attack on commuters returning from the village market. Troops confronted the terrorists, leading to the neutralisation of one terrorist and the recovery of an AK-47 rifle and ammunition.

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Police anti-social-vice unit 25 suspects

Commissioner of Police, Audu Dabigi Ali, has established the new outfit with the task of clamping down on all acts of social vices in the state.

"The unit, which is referred to as the anti vice unit has since started operating and will be liaising with all the divisions to diligently handle all cases of thuggery, phone snatching, drug and illicit substances consumption and peddling, possessing dangerous weapons, etc. Consequently, no fewer than 25 people have been arrested across the metropolis

concerning the aforesaid offences with 16 among them arrested within the Rigasa axis and charged for thuggery (sarakusa) and having dangerous weapons.

"The Commissioner of Police Kaduna, thus, charged the new outfit to make Kaduna State, especially the metropolis, safe for the populace by continuously denying these urchins any operating space. He equally called on parents and guardians to warn their wards to desist from acts of delinquency", he said.

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