

Insecurity: Police kill 7 terrorists, recover arms,

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THE Police in Abuja said its operations has neutralised seven terrorists.

The command also recovered 23 firearms and assorted ammunition, in recent operations conducted across the country.

Force Public Relations Officer (FPRO), OluMuyiwa Adejobi said the operations were part of efforts to dismantle threats, criminal networks and enhance internal security in the country.

Adejobi, in a statement, said,

1 "In a recent operation on February 14, 2025, armed men invaded Gobiraje Village in Suru LGA of Kebbi State and kidnapped one Umaru Bawa, 60. Police operatives attached to the Kebbi state Command, upon the receipt of the report, trailed the suspects to Tundafari forest in the Dakingari axis of the state and engaged them in a fierce gun duel. Consequently, four of the kidnappers were neutralized and one arrested with fatal injuries, while the kidnapped victim was rescued unhurt. The operatives also recovered the cash sum of N3,000,000 already paid to the kidnappers as ransom.

20 "Earlier, on February 8, 2025, operatives of the Police attached to the Imo state command, in collaboration with other security agencies carried out a tactical operation targeting an IPOB/ESN terrorist camp located in Ezioha Mbaitolu within the Umuele Umuaka Njaba LGA of the state. The operation led to the neutralization of two ESN Kingpins, the recovery of 7 AK-47 rifles, 13 pump-action guns, hundreds of assorted live ammunition, and the successful dislodgement of the camp.

3 "As a follow up, on February 9, 2025, the operatives moved to the Nkwukwo forest in Mbaitoli LGA, at the boundary with Ubachima forest in Awomama Oru West LGA, Imo state, where the team intercepted a group of terrorists who opened fire upon sighting the police. During the ensuing exchange, three terrorist kingpins were further neutralized, two AK47 rifles each loaded with 36 rounds of live

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