

“ Meanwhile , in Abia State, police operatives acting on credible intelligence stormed a kidnappers’ den at Umuiku Obete Village in Ukwa West LG. The criminal gang, which had been terrorising residents and commuters along Umuzozo Village and Uratta Road, off Port Harcourt Road, engaged the operatives in a gun duel upon sighting them. However, the superior firepower of the operatives proved decisive, resulting in the neutralization of five members of the notorious gang. A thorough search of the scene led to the recovery of six AK-47 rifles, 335 rounds of live ammunition, 14 magazines, five handsets, three cutlasses, five jackets, an axe, a pair of boots, one polo charm, and one double-barreled long gun. Follow-up operations are ongoing to apprehend other fleeing members of the gang.

“ The Inspector-General of Police, IGP Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun, has lauded the commitment of the officers involved in the operations urging them to sustain the tempo and intensify the ongoing onslaught against criminal actors across the nation. The IGP has again assured members of the public of the continued resolve of the Force to combating crime in all forms and to maintain law and order across the country.”

