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Massacre Of 120 Igbos: Posterity Will Judge Obiano, Says IPOB

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The Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), has described Governor Willy Obiano of Anambra State as an insensitive governor with little regard for

human life especially the lives of Ndigbo who have been serially murdered by the Nigerian military under his watch in the state.

According to Emma Powerful, the IPOB spokesman, Governor Willy Obiano has shown no commitment to the lives and interests of Ndigbo in Anambra State despite being the Chief Security Officer of the state. He said: “On more than four occasions – August 30 and May 29, 2016 and December 2 and December 17, 2015 members of IPOB without any provocation whatsoever were slaughtered by the military right under the nose of Willy Obiano. The Governor, who is the chief security officer of the state, did not and has not raised any objection with the extra-judicial killing of Ndigbo in his state.”

Continuing he said: “Obiano’s eyes are only set on his re-election bid and it seems more convenient for him to be silent in the face of the brutal killing of his kinsmen. Obiano once claimed that those killed by the soldiers were hoodlums, but as the truth of the matter emptied the lies, he offered to pay hospital bills for our members which of course, we rejected.

“Whatever be the case, posterity shall adjudge him as the governor who looked the other way while his brothers were butchered unjustly. Posterity will demand an account from him for the lives of about 120 Igbo sons whose only offence was their demand for self-determination under a cruel government,” Powerful said. The IPOB spokesman clarified further that on August 30, seven persons were killed by the Nigerian Army while about 30 sustained bullet wounds.

On December 2, 2015, no fewer than five IPOB members were shot dead at the Bridge Head, Onitsha with 12 others sustaining bullet wounds. At the December 17, 2015 jubilation at the Bridge Head, Onitsha over the court's ruling to release Nnamdi Kanu, the military moved in and opened fire on a non-violent crowd killing five persons on the spot with seven others sustaining injuries.

According to Powerful: "On May 29, 2016, while more than 1500 members of IPOB slept at a church at Nkpor, the military attacked the location killing eight persons and by the next day at Uga Junction, Headbridge, Onitsha, more than 87 persons were shot dead. This does not include scores of our members that are still missing, whom their whereabouts IPOB cannot state till date."

As at the time of going to press on Saturday evening, the Special Adviser to Governor Obiano on Media and Public Communication, James Eze had not reacted to the allegations as requested by the Sunday Telegraph via Airtel's Short Messaging Service (SMS) sent to him.

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