

Army: Troops Kill Four Suspected IPOB Members

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The Nigerian Army has said that four suspected members of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), were killed during a fierce gun battle with troops of Exercise Golden Dawn, in Idemili South Local Government Area of Anambra State.

A statement by the Director, Army Public Relations (DAPR), Brig-Gen. Onyema Nwachukwu, noted that the fierce encounter followed failed attack, Friday, on security operatives' location at Ekwulobia Round About.

“Troops of 82 Division Nigerian Army conducting Exercise Golden Dawn have neutralised four gunmen of the proscribed Indigenous Peoples of Biafra/ Eastern Security Network (IPOB/ ESN) in a fierce encounter at Nnobi Junction, Idemili South Local Government Area on Friday 29 October 2021”, Nwachukwu said.

According to him: “This followed the assailants’ armed attack on personnel of security agencies deployed at Ekwulobia Round About in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State, during which troops swiftly mobilised to the scene and subsequently embarked on pursuit of the criminals along Nnewi – Nnobi road.

“Troops made contact with the fleeing gunmen and engaged them in a fire fight, neutralizing four of the criminals.

“The gallant troops also recovered two AK-47 Rifles, one GALIL Ace 5.56 x 45 Iwi Gun, one Avofeng Hand held radio and one Black Highlander jeep. Sadly, personnel of one of the security agencies paid the supreme price”.

In a separate development, the DAPR stated that “troops have foiled another attack by IPOB/ESN gunmen at Umunze Checkpoint, in Orumba South Local Government Area”.

The statement continued: “The vigilant troops overwhelmed the attackers in the shootout which ensued, forcing them to take to their heels, abandoning, one Pump Action gun with nine cartridges, one dark blue Ford and four motorcycles, which the troops have recovered.”

“The Nigerian Army notes that the recent attacks are part of proscribed IPOB/ ESN plan to instill fear into the public and sabotage forthcoming Anambra State Governorship Election.”