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## Steve Uzoechi, OWERRI

he Imo State Police Command, vesterday said it killed four hoodlums who attacked Omuma Police Station, in the Oru East Local Government Area of Imo State.

The command said the hoodhims suspected to be members of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra Eastern Security Network came in large numbers, with various Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) to Omuma Police Station on March 20, 2022, at about 0300 hours.

The state Commissioner of Police, CP Rabiu Hussaini, who confirmed this in a release made

## Police repel bandits' attack in Imo, kill 4 suspected IPOB/ESN fighters

available to journalists by the Command's spokesman, Micheal Abattam said the hoodlums shot sporadically but were swiftly repelled by its tactical teams and operatives of the DSS who responded immediately

The command said, "The Police Operatives engaged them in afierce gunduel and in the process, four of the bandits were neutralised on the spot, while others scampered into

the bush having suffered a huge defeat, with a number of them sustaining various degrees of bullet wounds. There was no casualty on the side of the joint security operatives.

"On the spot, five undetonated different capacities of Improvised Explosives Devices were recovered from the neutralised bandits and charms. The Police Bomb Unit has taken custody of the bombs for detonation."

The CP said the Command's Tactical Teams were aggressively combing the bush to arrest the fleeing hoodlums and recover their arms/ammunition since they cannot go far because of the huge damage done to them.

The CP while commending the officers and men for their gallantry urged them not to relent in their efforts until all criminal elements and

their partners are apprehended and made to face the full wrath of the law

He appealed to Imoresidents for their continuous support and collaboration by giving security agen-

cies, especially the police, credible and timely information and to reportany person seen treating bullet wounds or hiding within the community to the nearest police station for prompt action.



Police personnel

## Father of 4 arrested with 20.75kg black liquid cocaine in make-up mascara

Taiwo Jimoh

A 52 year-old father of four, Okeke Adolphus has been arrested with black liquid various drugs were recovered from suspects. At least three persons: Tony Samson, Paul Adamu, and Reuben Waziri were arrested in Kaduna on Friday March 18, with 18,380 tablets of