

2 dead, 2 arrested, Ogbunigwe bombs, others recovered as JTF raids Anambra, Ebonyi communities

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Two persons were confirmed dead and two others arrested when officers and men of the Anambra State Joint Task Force on Security stormed Orsumoghu Community in Ihiala Local Government Area.

Recall that two months ago, the Nigerian Air Force launched Air-strikes in the same Orsumoghu Community and neutralised suspected gunmen alleged to be plotting fresh attacks on communities in the area.

Some of the suspected gunmen were also arrested and other deadly weapons recovered as security operatives advanced their bombardment and clearance of the forests and other hideouts of gunmen in Orsumoghu community.

Acting Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, 82 Division, Lt. Col. Jonah Unuakhalu, in a statement yesterday disclosed that the latest clearance operation by "Operation Udo Ka II" badgered in the terrorists' hideouts at Orsumoghu Forest in Ihiala Local Government

Area of Anambra State.

He revealed that some of the terrorists who came to fight the troops were gunned down, while some incriminating items, including Ogbunigwe bombs, military boots and belt, mobile phones, binoculars, leather hand gloves and police head warmer, among others were recovered during the operation.

The statement read in part: "The troops were able to dislodge the group; neutralise two of them, while others escaped with gunshot wounds."

According to him, "Items recovered from the camps included a pair of military boots, one military belt, five mobile phones, one binoculars, leather hand gloves and police head warmer.

"Others were one locally-made

handheld IED and four locally-made IED launchers (Ogbunigwe)."

Unuakhalu stated that troops of Sector 2 of the "Operation Udo Ka II" arrested a suspected gunrunner on Thursday while on a search-and-rescue operation at Effium in the Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

He said the suspected gunrunner, Francis Nwekire, 63, was arrested in his house with 48 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition.

"Additionally, a suspected Effium Militia in Ebonyi was arrested and he led troops to their hideout.

"Items recovered from the hideout were one AK-47 rifle, 20 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition and one AK-47 magazine.

"Both suspects are presently in troops' custody for further interrogations."

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a result of the internecine crisis in Yala have gone viral with the authors of the story claiming that some military personnel provided the figure.

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