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Police Kill 10 Gunmen, Lose Two Officers, Civilian in Anambra

• *Recover vehicles, arms, bombs from three camps*

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Police in Anambra State yesterday said they killed over 10 gunmen, destroyed three camps harbouring the criminals and also recovered vehicles and weapons, during an operation in Achalla, Awka North Local Government Area on Friday.

The state police command's spokesperson, DSP Toochukwu Ikenga, who disclosed this to journalists, noted that the police also lost two of its men and a civilian to the attack.

Ikenga said the criminals had earlier captured two policemen and a civilian who was described as a car tracker, who had joined

the police in an operation, to recover a stolen vehicle. According to him, the gunmen ambushed the police, capturing two of them, and the car tracker.

The police, however, reinforced and dislodged the criminals, leading to the killing of over 10 of them, while many others escaped with bullet injuries.

"During the operation, police recovered a human skull, one

locally-made rocket-propelled grenade RPG launcher, two (RPG) bombs, one single-barrel long gun, and an empty chain of a bullet.

"Other recovered items include; one Toyota Sienna, one Mercedes Benz 4matic jeep, two cylinders, a huge quantity of hard drugs and other items, including a police beret and a police

belt."

In the statement, Ikenga said: "The recovery came following a counter-offensive operation launched against criminal elements who had on 15/7/2022 laid an ambush against a six-man police team and a civilian car tracker who were on a recovery operation of a Toyota Sienna Space Wagon. "The vehicle was earlier

snatched at gunpoint on 9/7/2022 in Oye-Agu Abagana. Four of the police operatives escaped the ambush, while two of the police operatives and the car tracker were captured by the criminals."

Ikenga further stated that during the counter-offensive operation, police operatives neutralised 10 of the armed men and destroyed three of their camps.

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