

Troops Kill Three IPOB Members, Lose One Soldier as Army Searches for Missing Personnel in South-east

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The Nigerian Army Headquarters said yesterday that troops neutralised three members of the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra

(IPOB) while one soldier was killed during a fierce encounter even as it launched a search and rescue operation for a missing soldier in the South-east.

It also warned that criminal

acts of attack and abduction of service personnel remained an act against the state which will not go without consequences.

The army also denied reports that troops of the 82 Division of the Nigerian Army invaded Amagu Community in Abia State.

It said troops launched a search and rescue operations following

the abduction of a soldier, Staff Sergeant Bassey Ikunugwan, who was officially on leave pass and was abducted along Okwu-Ebem Ohafia Road in Abia State.

A statement issued by Army Spokesman, Brigadier-General Onyema Nwachukwu, said troops acting on credible intelligence report, embarked on a search

and rescue operation at Amangu Village/Forest.

"The attention of the Nigerian Army (NA) has been drawn to some publications making the rounds on social media and some mainstream media alleging that troops of Headquarters 82 Division NA invaded Amangu community in Abia state.

Considering the weighty nature of the allegation, the Nigerian Army deems it necessary to clear the air on this atrocious incident.

"On November 2, 2022, a soldier named Staff Sergeant Bassey Ikunugwan, who was officially on leave pass, was abducted along Road Okwu-Ebem Ohafia in Abia State."

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