

# Ebonyi/Benue boundary dispute: Over 20 feared killed, others injured as military invade Ebonyi community

• 5 suspects arrested in connection with the killing — Police

By Peter Okutu

**A**BAKALIKI — No fewer than 20 persons were, last weekend feared dead while many sustained various degrees of injuries in Umuogudu Akpu Ngbo community in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, following the alleged invasion of the community by the military.

*Vanguard* reliably gathered that the invasion of the community by the military may have been in connec-

tion with the alleged killing of Naval Sub Lt. David Igbashai, by some of the community members over the boundary disputes existing between the two neighbouring states.

The victim was said to have been abducted on 22nd of February, 2020 while on his way to Makurdi, Benue State, to make arrangements for his wedding.

The military had allegedly invaded the poor community in Ebonyi within the space of two months to car-

ry out acts described as dastardly against the people.

The community is presently living in fear and uncertainty about what tomorrow holds for them.

An eye witness who spoke to *Vanguard* affirmed that it was the Nigeria military that attacked Umuogudu community and not police men, adding that they have raided the community more than four times, killing so many and leaving others injured.

The source said the last invasion by the military in

Umuogudu community last weekend proved to be the highest recorded so far in the history of the community.

According to him, "The people of the community noticed strange movements of the military at about 1:00am on Saturday when they allegedly started chanting war song, shooting sporadically, burning people's houses, yam barns, motorbikes, cars and raping young girls in the area."

In a statement by the Ebonyi State Police Command's spokesperson, DSP Loveth Odah, five suspects had been arrested in the community in connection with the killing of the Naval officer who was last seen in the area sometime this year.

The source revealed that Ohaukwu council Chairman, Barrister Clement Odah, who visited the community with a team of policemen, said he came to find out the level of damage done during the military invasion in the area.

## IPOB warns against further killing of Biafrans by security agents

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**N**NEWI — THE Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB, has warned against further killing of Biafrans by security agencies, particularly the Army and the Police.

IPOB, in a statement by its Media and Publicity Secretary, Emma Powerful, condemned the recent kill-

ing of Biafrans by security agencies, particularly the Army and the Police, that the Nigeria Police and Army personnel have abandoned their duties and resorted to killing of Biafrans on the streets of Ezego in Nkpor Anambra State, Aba and Ebem Ohafia all in Abia State.

"The family of IPOB led by Mazi Nnamdi Kanu has unequivocally condemned the rampant and incessant harassment, humiliation and killing of innocent and

wickedness."

IPOB wondered that the Nigeria Army and Police would prefer slaughtering Biafrans extra-judicially during lockdown against the spread of Coronavirus pandemic, while the Nigeria government refused to give Biafrans their own share of money and food stuff as palliative to cushion the effects of the lockdown.

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