

Military kills 3 suspected hoodlums attacking Imo communities

●Police kill 4 suspected bandits in Ogun, Delta

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THE Nigeria joint military operations in Imo State yesterday killed three suspected hoodlums terrorising some communities in Ngor Okpala Local Government Area of Imo State.

The killing of the three suspected hoodlums in Imo State was confirmed when the Commander, 34 Artillery Brigade, Owerri, Brigadier-General Raymond Utsaha, led other commanders on the spot assessment around Umunwa community.

Umunwa community of Ngor Okpala Local Government Area, where the bloody clash took place between the military and the hoodlums. General Utsaha was in the community to thank them for their corporation with the military in giving out intelligence on the activities of the hoodlums and how to track them.

An intelligence officer said: "The armed hoodlums were busy enforcing the sit-at-home order forcing people to close their businesses in the various communities, collecting their valuables."

Three of the hoodlums were killed by the military and an SUV Toyota Ravi was recovered from them. They started snatching vehicles from Imo State.

"One of the suspects, who later died gave the military vital information on the location of other suspects, including those who sustained gunshot injuries. He gave his name as Chigozie Odimezie, a native of Umunwa community in Abia State local government."



Brigadier General Raymond Utsaha, interacting with villagers in Ngor Okpala Local Government Area of Imo State during the visit.

robbers were killed in a gun battle with police operatives at Otokutu community, Ughelli South Local Government Area of the state. Public Affairs Officer, Mr Bright Edele, in

a statement yesterday, said: "The divisional patrol team from Otu-Jeremi police station, which received information that four suspected armed robbers, who had earlier snatched two

vehicles, a gold-coloured Toyota Camry with number plate FSH 291 AW and a custom coloured Lexus 350 SUV with number plate, WWR 737 KL, abandoned the vehicles at Otokutu community due to suspected mechanical faults and were escaping in a tricycle.

The team swung into action and chased the hoodlums but the gang, on sighting the police team, opened fire on them and in the ensuing gun battle, the hoodlums were forced to abandon the tricycle. Two of the hoodlums escaped and ran into the bush while two others were fatally wounded and found on the tricycle with gunshot injuries. One AK-47 rifle with a breach number not visible, an empty magazine, a cash sum of N200,000 and gold jewellery were recovered.

The suspects who sustained gunshot injuries were rushed to the hospital where they gave up the ghost while receiving treatment.

The DPO, Otu-Jeremi Division again led a combined team of police vigilantes to further comb the bush for the possible arrest of the hoodlums. The recovered another AK-47 rifle with breach number NKG44397 with two magazines and three live ammunition."

Diarrhoea: 35 dead, 150 hospitalised in Borno

CHAIRMAN of Gwoza Local Government Area in Borno, Prof. Ibrahim Bukar, has announced that about 35 people have died with 150 others hospitalised following the outbreak of diarrhoea and vomiting in Gwoza.

Bukar made this known yesterday in Maiduguri while speaking at an interactive session with stakeholders in border communities, organised by Borno State Boundary Commission in collaboration with the National

Boundary Commission.

Bukar, who did not give details, explained that the outbreak started weekend, adding that such development is part of challenges being faced by border communities due to the lack of health and other facilities, saying the amenities were destroyed by insurgents.

"General Hospital, clinics, Customs and Immigration houses, water and all other property in the border communities have been destroyed," Bukar said.

He called for the provision of health

facilities in border areas to prevent border communities from travelling to neighbouring countries for medical treatment and other services.

He said: "Provision of clean water supply in all border communities is a top priority. Water-related diseases will be avoided when clean water is supplied to border communities."

"This is very necessary because most sources of water in the destroyed border communities have been polluted with corpses, chemicals and the rest, hence they are not good for human consumption."

12 die, 6 injured in Kaduna-Abuja road auto crash

Gunmen abduct doctor in Edo,