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## Police arrest suspected IPOB/ ESN members over killing of 7 innocent Ebonyi Indigenes

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ABAKALIKI—EBONYI State Police Command, yesterday, said it has arrested suspected members of the proscribed Indig-

## dministration,

the fruits of the transformative reforms and innovations that she engendered as the Hon. Chief

Judge of the State".

Pouring further encomiums on her, Gov. Ugwuanyi said: "Tonight, as we unite in banquet to celebrate the retirement of this outstanding standard-bearer of the Enugu State Judiciary, we laud her era of focused and im-

pactful leadership.

"Your Lordship, Hon. Justice Ngozi Priscilla Emehelu, it is indeed a time to bow out of over two decades of a brilliant and exciting career; a time to give thanks to Almighty God for his wonderful blessings; a time to be celebrated by colleagues, associates, family, friends and the state; a time to get some rest; a time to introspect; and a time to chart a new course in life."

enous People of Biafra, IPOB / Eastern Security Network, ESN that allegedly murdered 7 innocent persons in the state.

Briefing Newsmen at the Command's headquarters in Abakaliki, the State Commissioner, CP Aliyu Garba explained that "in the early hours of August 9th 2021, while in forceful enforcement of illegal Sit-At-Home order by the suspects, 7 innocent persons who were going about their lawful businesses along Ohaozara/Onicha expressway by Anike Village were blocked, gruesomely murdered and their vehicles set ablaze."

He stated that on the receipt of the information, operatives of the command immediately swung into action and engaged the hoodlums in a gun battle.

According to him, during the gun duel ,2 of the suspected IPOB members were fatally wounded while others escaped with bullet wounds.

CP Garba said that 4 amongst the fleeing suspects were later trailed, arrested and now in the police custody.