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Police kill suspected ESN commander in Imo

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OWERRI—OPERATIVES of the Imo State Police Command, yesterday, said they have killed the Orlu Sector commander of the armed group of the Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB, one Chidera Nnabuhe, popularly known as "Dragon" a native of Umuala in Amaifeke in Orlu Local Government in the state and two others terrorising the residents of Orlu town.

The Imo State Commissioner of Police, Hussein Rabi'u said this to newsmen in Owerri, while parading the three lifeless bodies of the group and two others captured alive.

The Police confirmed that the incident which happened last Saturday was as a result of intelligence the command got where the ESN boys have gathered at the valley in Amaifeke in Orlu Local Government Area of Imo State and were planning to launch an attack on the Police formations in the state.

According to the Command, "Sequel to the ongoing clearance operation embarked on by the Imo State Police Command in the state and its environs aimed at wiping out the remnants of the proscribed IPOB/ ESN members and restoring lasting peace in the state, members of the proscribed IPOB/ ESN members

were sighted in an isolated uncompleted building situated in a valley in Amaifeke in Orlu LGA of Imo State, planning to resume terror attacks on police formations and government installations in the state.

"On 11/9/2021, at about 12:30 hours, the command's tactical team immediately mobilised and stormed the hideout of the terror group located in an uncompleted building in a valley at Essential Home, popularly known as "NGBUKA" in Amaifeke Orlu LGA of Imo State.

"The members of the terror group on sighting the police operatives in their hideout opened fire on them. The gallant and bat-

tle-ready tactical team swiftly returned the fire.

"In the gun duel, three of the hoodlums namely Chidera Nnabuhe, the Orlu Sector Commander of IPOB/ ESN aka "DRAGON", a native of Umuala Amaifeke in Orlu Local Government Area and two others, JJ and Dadawa both natives of Ohazara in Ebonyi State were neutralised.

"Emeka Sunday 'M,' aged 20 years, of Anike in Ohazara LGA of Ebonyi State and Anthony Okeke 'M', aged 44 years of Umuala, Amaifeke Orlu LGA of Imo were arrested while others escaped into the bush with bullet wounds."