

Police operatives raid suspected ESN camps, kill 3 commanders, arrest 9 in Imo

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OWERRI—THE operatives of the Imo State Police Command on Wednesday, said it has raided two terror camps, killed three suspected commanders of the Eastern Security Network, ESN, of Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB, and arrested nine others in Okwudo, Umuorji in Naba and Oru West Local Government Areas in Imo State, respectively.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Micheal Abattam, who confirmed this to newsmen in Owerri, said the operation was carried out last Monday.

Narrating how the Police raided the camps, they said: "On 07/02/2022 at about 04:00 hours, after credible intelligence and surveillance of some identified camps of the terror groups in the state stormed in commando style, two identified terror camps located in Okwudo in Naba LGA of Imo State and Umuorji Mgbidi in Oru West LGA of Imo State respectively, engaging the hoodlums in a fierce gun battle in a commando style and successfully dislodged them due to their number and superior firepower."

On the names of the arrested suspects, the Police said: "The hoodlums suffered a heavy casualty and in the process, lost three of their members and nine others were arrested with various

degrees of bullet wounds. They are Ekene Abiaziem, aged 31 years of Mgbidi; Emmanuel Nwabueze, aged 58 years of Mgbidi; Ifeanyi Eze, aged 38 years of Mgbidi; Izunna Chukwuokezie, aged 39 years of Okwudo; Ejike Onuabuike, aged 44 years of Okwudo; Chukwuebuka Elvis Nkonta aged 27 years of Okwudo; Jerom Amaiah, 33 years of Okwudo; Chukwuebuka Nwachuk, age 23 years of Okwudo and Chimaobi Ogbonna, aged 27 years of Awomama."

According to the command, some of the items recovered from the ESN camps included: "Three automatic pump action guns; four locally made pistols; twenty-one (21) rounds of live cartridges; four locally made Improvised Explosives Devices (I.E.DS; five sharpened cutlasses; five rounds of 7.62 mm Live AK47 rifle ammunition; four rounds of 5.56 mm live assault rifle ammunition; and one big rubber drum containing substances suspected to be Indian hemp.

"Other items found are: some quantities of ice hard drugs suspected to be Mkpurumiri; one live tortoise; assorted black charms; four Biafran flags; three battle axes; four Biafran berets and assorted phones."

The police added: "The three corpses were later deposited at Federal Medical Center Mortuary Owerri, Imo State."