

Police operatives arrest Nwuzor, driver of gang that killed DPO in Imo

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THE Imo State Police Command, yesterday, paraded one Chidiebere Nwuzor, 38-year-old, from Amauzi in Aboh Mbaise council area of Imo State, suspected to be a member of the Eastern Security Network, ESN, an armed group of the Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB.

This came as the police command in Enugu has confirmed that two brothers, Ogbonna Fidelis Anene and Ogbonna John Onyeka, have been killed by gunmen in Enugu State.

The Imo command said Nwuzor was the driver of the ESN group that allegedly killed a DPO of Ahiazu Mbaise council area of the state and an inspector of police in November 2023.

The police said in a preliminary investigation that the suspect who engaged the operatives in a gun battle and was overwhelmed had confessed that he was recruited into ESN by Ishaka and Ebube Virus, both of whom were earlier neutralised by the command.

According to the Police, "The Imo State Police Command has on Monday, April 8, 2024, recorded another significant breakthrough in the fight against IPOB/ESN activities in the state following a diligently gathered actionable intelligence by operatives of the Command's Anti-Kidnapping Unit, which led to the arrest of a suspected IPOB/ESN member, Chidiebere Nwuzor, 38 years, of Amauzi in Aboh Mbaise LGA of Imo State.

"The suspect has been on the command's wanted list due to a series of activities he reputedly perpetrated in the state alongside his criminal cohorts. He was arrested on 8/04/2024, in his hideout in Umuogu after a fierce gunfight with the operatives, which forced him to surrender after sustaining gunshot injuries on his right leg.

"Recovered from the suspect are: one pump action gun with six rounds of five cartridges, one Barrera pistol loaded with two rounds of live ammunition, and other incriminating items.

"On interrogation, the suspect confessed to being a member of a deadly IPOB/ESN syndicate responsible for enforcing sit-at-home order by the group and unleashing mayhem on unsuspecting citizens in the state.

"He stated that he was recruited into the group by Ebube Virus and Ishaka, who were earlier neutralised

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by the operatives in December 2023, and admitted that he drove the operation vehicle that was used in the attack that led to the killing of DPO Ahiazu Mbaise and an Inspector of Police in November 2023.

2 Gunmen kill 2 brothers in Enugu

The killing of the brothers in Enugu happened last Sunday in Adani in the Uzo-Uwani local government area.

The police commissioner, Kanayo Uzuegbu, said the brothers were killed on their way from the farm. He assured the people that a crack

squad had been sent after the perpetrators to bring them to book and disclosed that the command has reinforced security in the border local government area.

The CP said the police would not relent in the effort to flush criminals out of the state. The natives were urged to go about their lawful businesses.

The Police boss assured of the resolve and cooperation of the security agencies to protect them both at home and in their farmlands.

He, however, appealed to the people to be vigilant and assist security agents with relevant information about any suspicious persons or criminal activities in their

environment. Uzuegbu stressed that there would be no relenting in the effort to flush them out of the state.

CP Kanayo assured the people of Adani that a crack squad had been sent after the perpetrators to bring them under the full weight of the law, while also reinforcing security in the border local government area.

He commended Governor Peter Mbah for his determination to rid the state of all criminal elements, noting that the governor's support and investment in security was responsible for the state's status as one of the safest federating units in the country.

Abia govt moves to revive Osisioma industrial estate

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UMUAHIA— Abia State government is set to revive Osisioma Ngwa Industrial Layout, Aba, as well as establish other industrial layouts across the state.

The Commissioner for Information and Culture, Prince Okey Kanu, who disclosed this at Government House, Umuahia, explained that the plan to revive the layouts and create new ones are in line with the economic

development agenda of Governor Alex Otti administration in the state.

He disclosed that the state government would provide all necessary infrastructural facilities that would make it possible for investors to establish their presence in the industrial layouts and make conduct of business in the layouts stress-free.

He said: "Most importantly, the state government wants to consolidate Aba as a business hub and Abia State generally as an investors' haven.

"So, the road infrastructure being

provided by the state government, the provision of security, provision of power, like we have in Geometrics, the ease of doing business improvements, all these factors add up into making Abia State an investors' delight."

He further stated that in the next months, the government would ensure that the layouts are put in place.

On the harmonized task force recently set up to deal with touting, extortion, and harassment of citizens and residents, the Commissioner announced that the Abia State government will officially roll out the operations of the task force.

UNN moves to save Igbo language, culture from extinction

By Chinedu Adonu

THE Centre for Igbo Studies, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, CIS-UNN has taken a bold step towards saving Igbo language, culture, and tradition from going into extinction.

The CIS-UNN, made this known in Enugu during a press conference to announce the 2nd World Igbo Conference, scheduled to hold Friday, April 12 and 13, 2024, both virtually and on-site of the ICVC permanent site behind UBA Hall of Fame and Fidelity Bank, UNN.

The Director, Centre for Igbo Studies and convener of CIS-UNN World Igbo conference, Prof. Chris Uchenna Agbedo, disclosed that the conference with a theme, "Bridging the Igbo Homeland-Diaspora Disconnect for transforming our

present and future together," would explore various aspects of Igbo culture, language, heritage, and socio-economic development.

While calling on Igbo parents to bring up their children with their mother tongue, he said it is very dangerous to bring up a child with the English language.

He lauded the pioneering efforts of Dr Nwachukwu Anakwenze, and his CISA-IWA Diaspora Group in establishing CIS-UNN's Igbo Cultural Village Complex project.

"The Centre for Igbo Studies, University of Nigeria Nsukka is pleased to announce the hosting of the 2nd World Igbo Conference, scheduled to take place virtually from Friday, April 12 to Saturday, April 13, 2024. The event is organized in collaboration with partners including the Council of Igbo States in Americas (CISA), Igbo World Assembly (IWA), American Veterans of Igbo Descent (AVID), Respealing

Obeah & Unuchi Foundation.

"The 2nd World Igbo Conference aims to explore various aspects of Igbo culture, language, heritage, and socio-economic development. It will feature discussions on five associated themes crucial to the Igbo community, including Igbo language development, Igbo Cultural Village Complex (ICVC), economic empowerment, historical reconnection, policy and advocacy.

"It offers a unique platform for scholars, researchers, policy makers, and community leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue, exchange ideas, and chart a path for the advancement of the Igbo people worldwide.

"As the ICVC continues to chart a course towards cultural revival and empowerment, its strategic partnerships with donor agencies, multinational corporations, and Igbo socio-cultural organizations serve as pillars of strength and solidarity."