



# AWKA TOWN CRIER



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Akwa Okuko



Gov. Soludo

The Anambra State Government yesterday restated its commitment to the war on 'fake' and "devilish" native doctors involved in criminalities such as preparing charms for kidnappers and gunmen.

Governor Chukwuma Soludo, during a function in the state recently, declared war on native doctors due to the increasing criminalities in the state, and the declaration generated panic among the native and traditional doctors across the state.

In a statement yesterday, the state Commissioner for Information, Law Mefor, said clarification as regards the governor's stance on native doctors became necessary so as to douse the tension and panic it is generating across the state.

Mefor said those genuinely practising the trade have nothing to fear from Soludo's declaration while insisting that fake native doctors involved in criminal activities must be exposed and brought to justice as a way of sanitising the practice.

He said, "For the sake of the unsuspecting public, I want to address the recent disinformation generated in some desperate quarters over Governor Chukwuma Soludo's stance on native doctors.

"To set the record straight, Soludo never declared war on all native doctors but rather on fake and devilish native doctors involved in criminal activities.

"Concerned individuals and organisations have been investigating native doctors in the South-East and uncovered shocking revelations that reflect what Soludo is saying.

"Some native doctors are involved in preparing charms for kidnappers and armed robbers and are believed to be involved in evil practices that may not exclude human sacrifices for money and protection.

"These diabolical rituals have given rise to 'Ego Mbuté', 'Oke -lité' and 'Yahoo Plus' as well as idolatry, making a speedy return to Igbo socio-cultural life, Soludo, out of a sense of responsibility and responsiveness, has moved to root such diabolical and evil practices out, which have nothing to do with genuine traditional medicine or native doctors who are truly serving God and humanity."

The commissioner said the governor has, therefore, emphasised the need to expose and deal decisively with native doctors aiding criminality, those promoting some esoteric practices alien to the Igbo culture of integrity, hard work, morality, and fear of God.

He added, "His stance is not a blanket condemnation of traditional medicine or all native doctors, but a targeted effort to root out those using so-called spiritual powers for criminal activities. They are misleading the youths and will turn the state into a soulless society if not stopped."

## HOW SECURITY AGENTS ARRESTED KILLERS OF AZUKA, KIDNAPPED ANAMBRA LAWMAKER

ONITSHA— No fewer than nine suspected kidnappers and killers of Hon. Justice Azuka a member representing Onitsha North 1 Constituency in Anambra state House of Assembly who was kidnapped in Onitsha on December 24, 2024 have been arrested by joint security operatives in the state.

The suspects, according to the source, were arrested during a joint operation by men of the Rapid Response Squad, RRS, Awkuzu, formerly known as Special Anti-Robbery Squad, SARS, men of newly created security outfits in the state, Agunaechemba, Udo Ga Achi and men of the Special Anti Touting Squad of Anambra State, SASA.

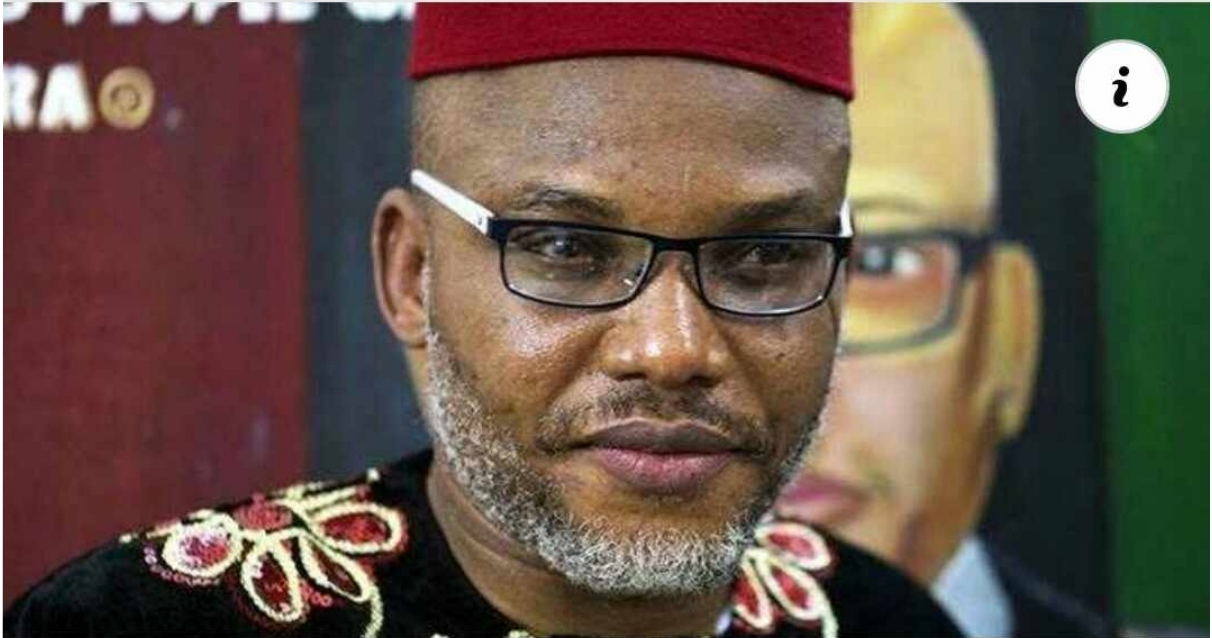
A joint statement issued to newsmen by the security operatives mentioned those so far arrested as one Kelvin Ikechukwu Ossai (aka Ikem, 16) from Aboh in Delta state but resides in OgbeUkwu in Ogbaru Local Government Area, Anambra State, one Ekene from Ebonyi State who shot Hon Justice Azuka twice on the leg, Prince, aka Tukwasi from Abia State, Uzo from Imo state,



Justice Azuka  
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## Don't Beg For My Release - Nnamdi Kanu



**Detained leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, has urged those clamoring for his release not to beg for it, asserting that his agitation for self-determination is a constitutionally protected right and not a crime .**

Speaking through his lawyer, Aloy Ejimakor, Kanu emphasized that his release is a matter of compliance with existing court orders, not an issue of presidential pardon or clemency.

Ejimakor, in a press statement, said: “Onyendu Mazi Nnamdi Kanu is adamant that nobody should plead or beg anybody on his behalf because he has committed no crime.

“Self-determination, which is the real issue that got twisted to suddenly become a high crime, is an inalienable right guaranteed under Nigerian law, the United Nations , the United Kingdom, and Kenya. The perverse and unlawful criminalization of this right should not be encouraged through misguided appeals for pardon or clemency. Releasing Mazi Nnamdi Kanu is not an act of mercy but a matter of abiding by the rule of law .”

Kanu expressed appreciation for those genuinely committed to restoring peace in Igboland, while cautioning that appeals for pardon might be misconstrued as legitimizing executive or judicial violations of his rights.

Ejimakor further stated: “Instead of begging, those desiring his release should emulate the language and tact used by groups like Afenifere, Ohaneze, the World Igbo Congress (WIC), ranking members of the National Assembly, the American Military Veterans of Igbo Descent (AVID), and other international bodies who have made it clear that Mazi Nnamdi Kanu deserves to be released because he has committed no offence known to law.”

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made to arrest the fleeing gang members like Ugoo Kewe, Nonso and others.

This successful operation was led by Agunaechemba, the newly inaugurated security outfit in Anambra State".

Meantime, more condemnations have continued to trail the ugly trend.

In a press issued in Onitsha, Chairman of CLO in Anambra state, Conrade Vincent Ezekwueme said: "we condemn the impunity in tandem with assertion of Susana Callings "that anyone who kill an innocent person will lose everything he is and he has" in addition to the Scripture "thou shall not kill" hence sacredness, sanctity and dignity of human persons must be respected and safeguarded at all cost".

"May our merciful God forgive and forget his shortcomings and grant his humble and gentle soul eternal repose. We pray to God to give his immediate family, His Royal Majesty Igwe Alfred Achebe, Labour Party, Anambra State House of Assembly, Onitsha North Constituency I and loved ones the grace and fortitude to bear and endure

## IPOB CRY OUT AGAINST THE CONTINUOUS KILLING OF THEIR MEMBERS.

We continue to cry out over the continuous killing and dehumanization of the Indigenous People Of Biafra especially in our native land. On the 15 January, 2025, a Joint Task Force working for the Nigerian Government and some Eastern Governors who are constantly killing IPOB members and ESN volunteers, which is always their aim of operation.

Recall that sometime in November, 2021, the Nigerian Military invaded IPOB meeting at Orsumoghu, killing most of the members while some were left injured; others are missing and have not been seen by their families till date, while some of the members were declared wanted by the Nigerian Authority.

Some of the members declared wanted by the Nigerian Authority are:

1. Ekene Chidobi
2. Francis Muoka
3. Gerald Ogbonna
4. Catherine Oforjiaku
5. Ifenna Umeh
6. Okwuchukwu Obiajiaku

We urge the Nigerian Government to stop the killings and adoption of members of IPOB and ESN and release those held under their custody illegally.



IPOB



NIGERIAN ARMY

### Mrs Soludo: MAN WHO BURNT WIFE TO DEATH OVER INFIDELITY MUST FACE JUSTICE

As women's group condemn action

David-Chyddy Eleke in Awka

Anambra State governor's wife, Mrs. Nonye Soludo, has vowed to follow up closely on the case of a man who allegedly set his wife on fire in Abagana, Njikoka Local Government Area, over a case of infidelity

The governor's wife said she will follow up on the matter until full justice is served on the man, who was identified as Mr. Sunday Nwanna

While receiving details of the incident from the Commissioner for Women and Children Affairs, Mrs. Ify Obinabo and her health counterpart, Dr. Afam Obidike, Mrs. Soludo said the matter will not be swept under the table

She had directed the duo to immediately visit the scene of the incident, and asked to be updated frequently on the matter

Mrs. Soludo said: "I will see to the end of the case, to ensure that full justice must be made to take prime place in the whole process

"This present administration takes issues of domestic violence and abuses as serious crimes, and no one who is found guilty of such offences would be let to walk free.





# MAN LOSES PREGNANT WIFE TO UNSERIOUS DOCTORS IN OWERRI



There was confusion at the Lebechi Hospital in Owerri, the Imo State capital where a doctor and other staff of the facility were accused of watching how to perform Caesarean

Section on a pregnant patient

The pregnant woman lost her life and the baby also died in the process

In a video shared on Instagram by Stanley Ontop, a Nollywood producer, Onyekachi Eze, the husband to the woman and the child narrated how the doctors and nurses performed a CS on his pregnant wife. According to Eze, he brought his wife who was in Labour to the hospital and was informed by the doctor that a CS needed to be carried out on her

He, however stated that after consenting to the procedure, he was only shocked when he saw the doctor watching a CS procedure on YouTube

He said, "I carried my wife to the hospital when she was in labor, and the doctor said she needed to undergo an operation because she was bleeding

"So the female doctor called another doctor to come and operate on her.

Right in my presence, they were using their phones to watch a YouTube video on how to perform surgery, and I lost my wife and my baby during the process'.

In a second video, the Nollywood producer subsequently showed where police officers had arrested the owner of the hospital

The second video was captioned, "The owner of the hospital where doctors were watching YouTube on how to perform surgery on a pregnant woman has been arrested

Nurses were arrested too, but the doctors who performed the surgery had absconded. They are still being searched for'



**BREAKING NEWS:**  
Killers of three Sibblings in Anambra Identified

MOST CAPPED SUPER EAGLES PLAYERS		
Player	Caps	
1 Ahmed Musa	110	
2 Vincent Enyeama	101	
3 Joseph Yobo	101	
4 Mikel John Obi	91	
5 Nwankwo Kanu	86	



# BLORD BLESSES AWKA TOWN WITH ELECTRIC CARS



**Billionaire Tech Entrepreneur B-Lord Launches Electric Taxi Service in Awka, Slashes Transport Fares**

Awka, Anambra State Nigerian billionaire businessman and tech entrepreneur, B-Lord, has taken a bold step toward revolutionizing transportation in Awka with the introduction of his electric taxi service. While test-driving the new vehicle, he drastically reduced transport fares, charging just ₦300 for a trip from Ebenebe to Awka, significantly lower than the ₦1,000 typically charged by tricycle (keke) operators.

B-Lord revealed that he plans to deploy more of these electric taxis across the city, aiming to transportation costs by as much as more than 600%. He assured that his business model is highly profitable, as the electric cars do not require petrol, engine oil, or regular servicing and charging.

To ensure sustainable operations, B-Lord is reportedly setting up solar-powered charging stations at strategic locations across Awka. He also hinted at plans to expand the initiative to other cities in Anambra State, reinforcing his commitment to providing affordable and eco-friendly transportation solutions.

His initiative is expected to disrupt the transport sector, offering commuters a more effective cost alternative while promoting clean energy adoption in Nigeria.

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been witnessed by the residents of the state for nearly three years now as something that must be tackled seriously and not to be treated with kid gloves because what is happening in the state today has reminded us of those hallowed days between 1995 to 2000 that you cannot move from one street to another with vegetable in black nylon not to talk of carrying bag or brief case”.

“But if the governor has forgotten so quickly, we the people that were born and grew up in Anambra have not forgotten and that is why we are calling on the governor to sit up and stop playing politics with people’s lives because those people who are being kidnapped, and killed are someone” children, they people’s’ fathers, mothers, uncles, aunties, brothers, sisters, cousins, nephews, nieces and bread winners to larger number of people”.

“But today, they have gone beyond their boundaries because of negligence of Anambra state Governor. It is very shameful that a man like Soludo, who has travelled to most developed countries, in the world and saw how those state in those countries, are preventing and fighting crime to barest minimum cannot replicate it here in Anambra state. Instead anytime the issue of security was



## KILLERS OF 3 SIBLINGS IN NNEWI ARE THEIR NEIGHBOURS— NEW ANAMBRA CP

Awka: The new Commissioner of Police in Anambra State, Mr. Livingstone Urutugu, revealed on Monday that the killers of three siblings found stuffed inside a refrigerator in Nnewi are residents of the same vicinity.

During his visit to the bereaved family, Urutugu vowed to unmask the perpetrators and ensure justice is served.

Barely two hours after assuming office at the state Police headquarters in Awka, the CP headed to Nnewi, emphasizing his commitment to reducing crime and criminality to its lowest level.

“We are here today for a spot assessment of the unfortunate murder of three siblings who were kept inside a refrigerator here in Nnewi,” Urutugu said.

“I am also here to console the family and reiterate the Anambra State Police Command’s resolve to address this heinous crime. Unlike incidents involving kidnapping or sudden disappearances, this case is particularly disturbing.

“We will unravel the circumstances and ensure the suspects are apprehended and brought to justice.”

The CP commended police officers for their efforts in combating crime and assured them of continued support.

He added, “Anambra people, alongside the state government through Operation Udo ga Achi, have shown collective resolve to condemn acts that threaten peace.

I am pleased that the people are willing to work together to address security challenges, setting aside differences.”

Urutugu further outlined strategies to enhance crime prevention and intelligence deployment. He stressed the importance of collaboration with sister security agencies, vigilante groups, and community stakeholders.

## DEATH TOLL RISES TO 15 IN EBONYI COMMUNITY HERDSMEN’S KILLINGS

### 5TH FEBRUARY 2025

The death toll in the invasion of Amagu and two other villages, in Nkalaha community in the Ishielu local Government Area of Ebonyi State by suspected Fulani herdsmen, has risen to 15 while many people are still missing in the area, PUNCH Metro learnt on Tuesday.

Suspected armed herdsmen had, on Sunday morning, invaded the community, killing 10 people and burning houses.

However, recent findings revealed that more dead bodies were recovered in the bushes around the area while some natives still went missing in the affected villages.

The Ebonyi State Deputy Governor, Princess Patricia Obila, who visited the community on Tuesday, gave a 24-hour ultimatum to security agencies in the state to fish out the suspected killers who killed the innocent citizens in three villages of Nkalaha community.

Princess Obila, who represented Governor Francis Nwifuru, said the state government was very shocked and saddened over the incident.

She said, “No government is happy to see their citizens being killed in a bloody manner. This is a horrific scene to behold. If you look at those corpses, they are a younger generation that were lost.

“What happens to their children and what happens to their families? Why do you terminate lives that you can’t create? It is too bad. I’m sounding a warning to all the youth leaders of this community. All of you should sit up, I didn’t say that you should sit up to go and fight but to make peace and love in harmony.



## **EBONYI SUNDAY KILLINGS EXECUTED BY COMMUNITY CRIMINALS, NOT HERDSMEN— GOV NWIFURU**



**Gov. Nwifuru**

**ABAKALIKI**— Governor Francis Nwifuru of Ebonyi State has clarified that the gruesome killings on Sunday, February 2, 2025, at Amagu Nkalaha in Ishielu Local Government Area were carried out by criminal elements within the community, not herdsmen as previously alleged.

Speaking after a church service at the Government House Chapel, the governor said preliminary investigations by security agencies revealed that the attacks were perpetrated by local hoodlums.

“The recent killings at Amegu Nkalaha Community were carried out by some criminal elements from within the community, not herdsmen as earlier alleged,” Governor Nwifuru stated. “This is an unfortunate situation.”

The attack last Sunday saw suspected gunmen invade three villages in the Nkalaha community, killing about 17 people and burning several houses.

Governor Nwifuru also announced the recall of four commissioners and the Executive Secretary of the State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, who were suspended in November last year.

## **NAFDAC SEIZES FAKE DRUGS IN RAIDS ON ONITSHA MARKET**

The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) on Monday busted and seized suspected fake and adulterated pharmaceutical products at the Onitsha Bridgehead drug market.

Dr. Martin Iluyomade, Coordinator of NAFDAC in Southeast who led the team on the raid, told newsmen that the operation would be total and continuous.

Iluyomade said the operation followed a long period of surveillance and data collection on substandard and falsified medicines in the country in line with its mandate of safeguarding the health of the nation.

The coordinator said the national operation was taking place simultaneously in all the major drug markets in the Southeast.

He said some of the traders had chemicals and traders in one shop, empty containers, unbranded medicines and labeled containers with misleading information including NAFDAC registration number.

“The discovery has been interesting, we have unpackaged medicines, empty containers prefixed labeled with manufacturing date and expiry dates, these are medicines they

Iluyomade said the market leadership had not been collaborative with the agency in the fight against fake drugs.

The Coordinator said the operation was a continuous process and that it would go on for as long as it took to sanitize the markets while vowing that culprits will be identified, arrested and subjected to the laws of the country.