

WITNESS STATEMENT

My name is Tochukwu Meribe of Shagari quarters Dei Dei FCT Abuja. I hail from Umunachi Oboro in Imo State. In August 2015, I was invited by a member of indigenous people of Biafra, by name Emeke whose surname I do not know, but if I see him I can identify him.

I attended the meeting with members of (IPOB) at Gochez Garden wuse zone 5. The members did not allow me into their midst. This is because they said I should take an oath, which I refused. But on the 13th September 2015 I summoned courage and took the oath. When I told them that I was ready for the oath, the Secretary of IPOB Abuja branch by name Mr Uchechukwu Okechukwu took me to the river behind Gochez garden, where I was asked to remove my shoes, we entered the river. Mr Uchechukwu Okechukwu gave me something to chew. After chewing, he gave me something which I held in my hand, and he made me to swear that if I betray (I.P.O.B) the god of thunder will strike me to death. After that I was well-Comed into IPOB meetings.

On the 27th day of September 2015, I was in the meeting at the same venue at Gochez garden wuse zone 5. In the middle of the meeting, I was selected to be one of the youths for Biafra soldiers who

will you ever men in Bayelsa state
for military training.

We were having our meetings twice in
a month, but from October 2015 the
meeting was changed to once a month.

On 27th September 2015 a lady from
Bayelsa State from Kayama LGA
introduced her self as Tombra the
daughter of Kalakon III of Kolokoma

Opokuma, she came with a stainless steel
gun. Another man by name Emenike

Ogabi from Abia state promised that
he is going to take care of the trainees

in Bayelsa state. When I saw ^{that} what
they are doing is not lawful, I decided
to go to DSS by my self to report the
conduct of the IPOB. We pay monthly dues
for our refreshment. We do come to the
meeting with Bibles as if we were having
church meetings.

One or two people are
always with ~~arms~~ ^{arms} at every meeting.

In the second week of October 2015, ten
men were sent to Afara village in Umuahia
on an assignment for our leader Nnamdi
Kam.

~~Member~~

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