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10 Suspected Cultists Arrested Over Death Of Scavenger In Bayelsa



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Police operatives in Bayelsa State have arrested 10 suspected cultists in connection with last Sunday's attack at the Obele end of Ovom community in Yenagoa, which claimed the life of a metal scavenger, popularly known as an "Iron condemned" boy, and left three others injured.

Bayelsa State Commissioner of Police, Iyamah Daniel, who disclosed this on Tuesday, said the suspects were arrested during a raid launched after residents of the Obele area raised an alarm that armed cultists were on the rampage, shooting indiscriminately and robbing people of their phones and other valuables.

He said police investigations revealed that the suspects allegedly carried out a nighttime raid on the community, dispossessing residents of their belongings before encountering resistance from a group of metal scavengers, popularly called “Iron condemned.”

According to him, the scavengers refused to surrender their mobile phones, provoking the assailants, who allegedly opened fire on them.

He said: “The boys were on a massive raid. Many residents were caught unawares, while others fled into their homes for safety.

“The ‘Iron Condemned’ boys resisted handing over their phones, and this infuriated the cult boys, who started shooting,” he said.

CP Iyamah reiterated the command’s commitment to tackling cult-related violence and other criminal activities across the state.