

Police arrest 17 suspects linked to death of 2 youths

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ABIA State Police command has arrested 17 suspected cultists linked with the alleged murder of two youths in the state.

On May 13, a young man was reportedly shot and macheted to death at 29 Brass Road, Aba, by a group of suspected cultists.

Two weeks later, precisely on May 24, another young man was shot by suspected cultists at Ehere, near Opobo Junction, Ogbor Hill.

Following the incidents, Abia State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Maureen Chinaka, said operatives of the Violent Crime Response Unit (VCRU), leveraging on actionable intelligence, raided some hideouts of the cultists.

“Consequent upon the raid, the operatives of the VCRU successfully arrested 17 suspected cultists linked to the recent killing incidents in Aba.

“The suspects all male, and aged between 18 and 28 years were reportedly arrested at their “various meeting points and while en route to perpetrate further crimes,”