

DELTA State Police Command have killed two suspected cultists terrorising residents of Asaba, the state capital, while two others were arrested in a gun battle.

The cultists, police said, were regrouping to launch an attack on a rival group, when a combined team of anti-riot mobile policemen stormed their hideout near the state Ministry of Agriculture to foil the plot.

*Daily Champion* gathered that the cultists had on sighting the police near their cave engaged the combat ready officers in a shoot out which led to the killing of two of their members while others took to their heels with two AK 47 automatic rifles.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) confirmed the shoot out and killing of the duo by policemen drafted from the "A" division of

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the state command.

She said the policemen acted on intelligent report which also paid off with the arrest of two others and recovery of one locally made riffle gun and four live cartridges at the scene of the incident.

Asaba has in recent times been besieged by cultists leading to the death of over 15 persons and arrest of about 30 suspects following repeated clashes between rival groups in Ogbeosomowe, Umuagu and Umuaji quarters in the city. Deputy Inspector-General of Police (DIG), Mr. Mike Okiro had during his two-day visit to the state briefed the Asagba of Asaba, Prof. Chief Edozien of the preparedness of police to rid the state of cultists.