

7 killed in rival cult war in Imo

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Seven persons have been killed in Mmaahu Community in Ohaji Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State in a war involving two rival cult gangs.

The war was said to be between De-Gbam and De-Well cult groups.

Police said that 20 armed men wearing masks and led by one Ossy at about 10pm on Tuesday invaded the community and went to the house of the victims

where they shot them dead.

The Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Mike Abattam, identified the victims as Charles Mgbarahor, Funky Anane, Charity Nwachukwu, Edeme Okoro, Isaac Ojenya, Ndubuisi Nwabusi, and Junior Ifeyinwoke.

Abattam said that the divisional police officer on receipt of the information immediately mobilised his men and other patrol teams to the area but on arrival discovered the hoodlums had fled the scene.

He said Ossy was one of the inmates that escaped during a jailbreak at Imo Correctional Centre, Owerri, and was suspected to belong to a cult group known as De- Gbam while those killed were suspected to belong to the rival De-Well.

Abattam said that the command had deployed additional tactical units to the community to support the operation of the Egbema Police Division and the area command to forestall a reprisal.