54 Suspects Arrested Over Murder, Robbery In A/Ibom



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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command said it has arrested 54 suspects for murder, kidnapping, armed robbery, cultism, vandalism and stealing.

The Commissioner for Police, Baba Mohammed Azare, said during a press conference on Thursday in Uyo that the suspects were arrested between May and June, 2025 and that ammunition, sewing machines, generators and other items were recovered from them.

Azare said 30 of the suspects were arrested for cultism, seven for kidnapping, six for armed robbery, six for vandalism, four for burglary and stealing, and one for murder.

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Among the suspects was one Alexander Ben Peter, accused of killing his 71- year-old mother with a machete and one Uwem Edet Eyo responsible for the kidnap and murder of three marine hunters at Unyenge community in Mbo Local Government Area.

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He said, "On the 10th of June, 2025 at about 0955hrs, based on credible information, the operatives of the command arrested one Alexander Ben Peter (m) of Ikot Inyang village Oruk Anam Local Government Area for murdering his biological mother, one Mrs. Atiny Ben Peter (f) aged 71yr, and the matchet he used to murder his mother was recovered and investigation is ongoing.

"Operatives of the command also arrested one Uwem Edet Eyo aka "Masterly" (m) of Unyenge village in Mbo Local Government Area, who took part in the kidnap/killing of three Marine Hunters at Unyenge community in Mbo Local Government Area sometime in August, 2024 and went into hiding.

"The suspect confessed membership of Black Axe secret cult and the kidnapping/killing of the three hunters, who were beheaded and buried in a shallow grave," the CP stated.