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## Soldiers kill 12 suspected Ombatse members

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At least 12 people believed to be members of the Ombatse cult were killed by soldiers Tuesday in Akwanga local government area of Nasarawa State.



Three of the suspected cult members were brought to the State House about 6:00 p.m. shortly after the state Governor Tanko Al-Makura returned to the state after about two weeks' absence.

One of the suspected members brought in was said to be a mobile police officer serving with Mopol 45 Headquarters, Abuja. His name could not be immediately given for security reasons, but his official identity card was found on him, as he was still wearing his uniform.

The military authorities said they were killed around the military checkpoint in Akwanga where the suspected cult members were said to have confronted the soldiers who were on patrol in the area.

The state Commissioner of Police Umar Shehu who lamented the development queried while the police officer was not shot dead at the scene of the incident.

The mobile police officer was also said to have been supplying arms to the Ombatse militia. He had charms all over his body.

The youngest victim of the Ombatse who was also brought to the State House in a white Toyota Hilux pick van confirmed that the police officer in question supplied them with arms to carry out their nefarious activities.

Some of their pictures were displayed with the youngest of them seen posing with an AK 47 rifle which he said was brought in by a policeman from Abuja.

Al-Makura said he was shocked at the development, noting that he would address the state and the media after a thorough briefing by his security team.

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