

Suspected cult member beheaded in calabar

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Barely 24 hours after the Cross River Commissioner of Police, Mr. Nkereuwem Akpan, lauded Governor Ben Ayade over low crime rate in the state, a suspected cult member was, yesterday, beheaded in Calabar.

Top sources said the victim was trailed by a rival cult group and hacked down at night to avenge the killings of some of their own that were equally killed in a similar manner.

The suspected cult gang attacked the victim in his house at Wilki, by Ephraim Street, in Calabar South, at night, cut off his head after a scuffle and took it away while his lifeless body was abandoned by the roadside.

Recall that during a courtesy call on Ayade on Thursday, Akpan commended him for the low crime rate the enjoyed.

He said: “I’m posted here strictly on security duties, to protect the lives and property of the people. Thank God, Cross River is one of the less vulnerable states in terms of insecurity. Thank you, Your Excellency, the job has already been done, because if you check the profile of states with criminality, Cross River is one of the least in the country. On behalf of my team, we pledge our readiness to work for you.”

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police confirmed the cult incident, saying: “We are trying to authentic it.”

On the number of lives lost from the clash, Akpan said: “We only heard one person died. The truth is that it’s like brothers in the same house fighting, they know themselves. We will get something out...”

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