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Some dreaded cultists operating in Asaba community, Ibusa and Ughelli in Delta State have unleashed terror on their rival group members, killing 23 in the last two weeks while the police have arrested 36 suspects.

As it were, in the wake of Boko Haram insurgency currently ravaging the country, cult-related activities had led to the death of innocent persons including fellow members and have also taken dangerous dimension in the recent times.

The most worrisome aspect of the current cult war in Delta communities is the moving from house to house allegedly forcing people to be initiated or pay through their nose the sum of N300,000.

Meanwhile, the acting public relations officer in the state, DSP Charles Muka, told LEADERSHIP Sunday that the police detectives have arrested 36 cultists, adding that upon interrogation, they have made useful statements indicating

their membership of different cult groups.

While confirming that the rampaging cultists have initiated membership drive from house to house in Asaba, Ughelli and Ibusa communities, DSP Muka disclosed that the police was battle-ready to rid the state of their nefarious activities.

It was gathered that there have been occasions when many persons have had to abandon their university education due to incessant harassment from cult groups in their institutions.

Only recently, a middle aged man and a suspected cultist was allegedly killed during a cult clash by his gang members who took the corpse to Okwe community forest and secretly buried it before they were arrested by the police.

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