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Suspected Cultists Kill 2 In Rivers Community

Police Nab 17 Suspects

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No fewer than two youths, including a barber, were feared killed on Thursday when suspected cultists invaded Omoku, headquarters of Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni local government area of Rivers State.

The cultists were said to have attacked the community in the early hours of Thursday where they killed the barber who was simply identified as Albert, and later relaunched another attack in the community late Thursday night, killing another youth.

Residents of the community have deserted their homes over increasing cult activities that have left many dead and maimed, and also led to the destruction of property worth millions of naira.

A source in the community told LEADERSHIP that series of crimes are committed on daily basis in the area and the police have become helpless since these hoodlums use sophisticated weapons.

He said, "A lot of people are leaving Omoku because of insecurity. In the early hours of Thursday, some unknown gunmen invaded Omoku and killed one Albert, a barber by occupation who resided at Anamorji Street. They destroyed a lot of property worth millions of naira.

"Later in the evening they attacked and killed another youth again. The police were there but they are helpless. These guys are more armed than them so the police are not able to do anything to handle the situation."

The source stated that residents of the community, which hosts most of the multinational oil and gas firms, have been subjected to fear as no one is aware who the next victim is. He called on the police and security operatives to come to the aid of the people.

When contacted, Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Ahmad Muhammad confirmed the situation, saying the command was aware of the death of the two youths.

Muhammad said, "We are aware of such fight between two rival cult groups where two persons died and 17 persons were arrested.