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## SHOOTOUT: Ondo Police Kill Notorious Cultist, Arrest 2 Others

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Ondo State Police Command yesterday said it had killed one notorious cult member while two others were arrested during an early morning operation of its men in Igbokoda in Ilaje Local Government Area of the state.

According to the police public relations officer (PPRO), ASP Wole Ogodo, they met their Waterloo when the deceased, identified as Seun, and others dared the officers of the Special Anti-Cultism Squad (SAS) by shooting at them.

Ogodo said: "What transpired today was that one of them was arrested and taken to Akure for investigation and he led them back to Igbokoda in Seun's house. When the operation led by ASP Raimi Seidu knocked his door, his wife came out and policemen said they came for investigation. He (Seun) ran through the back door and took his AK 49 rifle with double magazine and started shooting at the police and, in self defence, they shot him dead.

He, therefore, warned parents to take care of their wards so they are not used as political thugs to cause crisis in the state as the forthcoming general election approaches, saying anybody caught, will face the wrath of the law.

The police PRO urged the general public to feel free to give out useful information to the police, promising that such information will be treated highly confidential.

Among items recovered from them were one unregistered Primera car, 46-inch plasma television, one motorcycle, standing fan, six mobile phones and one AK49 rifle.