

# Suspected Cultists Kill Teenage Girl, 2 Others In Delta Community

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Suspected cultists terrorising Oghara community, Ethipoe West local government area of Delta State in recent times, allegedly killed a teenage girl and two others at the weekend.

Reports said that the corpse of the teenager, who was allegedly murdered by the suspected cultists, was found by the road side around Scott Road, Oghara while others were dumped in the bush path. Passersby who, on their way to their farms, saw the corpse and raised an alarm which attracted security agents to the scene.

It was learnt that the deceased-teenage girl, who could only be identified as Ejiro, was a candidate for the upcoming Junior School Leaving Certificate Examinations before her death.

It was also gathered that the men of the Nigeria Police Station, Oghara Division were alerted and they stormed the area immediately. It was also learnt that the corpse was evacuated to a morgue while some suspects were allegedly arrested.

According to a resident of the area, who preferred anonymity,

the incident occurred around 2am on the fateful day. The source said, "I was at home around 2 O'clock in the night when I heard the voice of a girl crying. She was saying they were carrying her out to kill. I did not know what was happening and I was afraid so, I could not even say anything for fear of being attacked too.

"When I woke up in the morning, I saw people running away from the area for fear of being arrested by the police. I was apprehensive so, I decided to inquire and I was shown the corpse of the teenage girl. I don't know her though but, from her appearance, I think she will be around 16 to 18 years old", the source disclosed.

Another source, who spoke to LEADERSHIP Sunday alleged that the deceased was recently initiated into cult adding that it was possible that her death resulted from a reprisal attack from a rival group or other members of her cult as a result of internal squabbles.

"Some weeks ago, the girl ran away from her uncle's house where she was staying after she accused the man of sexually abusing her on several occasions".