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The police detectives in Asaba, Delta State have arrested one Sunday Ebi, a 47-year-old land speculator in Okpanam community who claimed to have all the diabolic powers to sell people's land in the areas.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mrs Celestina Kalu, who confirmed the arrest of the suspect, said "We have received several petitions from well meaning Okpanam indigenes about the suspect who has been selling people's lands and intimidating them with diabolical powers, he is currently with the police to answer some questions".

It was reliably gathered that the suspect had allegedly sold over 300 plots of land belonging to different persons in Okpanam community and in most cases threatened the owners with diabolical powers.

But an Okpanam indigene who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity said "The suspect has been terrorising the community with diabolic powers and he has sold virtually all the lands in the community, he has been involved in illegal sale and acquisition of land in Okpanam especially in Obodoogba quarters before nemesis caught up with him". Investigation revealed that there has been cult war in Okpanam community over illegal sale and acquisition of lands by some groups of persons headed by the suspect; a situation in which several persons were allegedly killed during a gun battle. Further investigation revealed that apart from cult wars over illegal acquisition of lands, there have been communal clashes between Okpanam community and neighbouring Ebu community in recent times, a situation which is making residents of both communities to sleep with their two eyes open.

But in a swift reaction, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mrs Celestina Kalu said the police have been deployed to both communities to maintain law and order as well as bring to book hoodlums behind nefarious activities in the area. She said that the suspects would be charged to court on completion of investigation adding that six other suspected cultists were arrested last Monday for sundry offences.

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