

Bizarre: 5 People Beheaded In Rivers

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No fewer than five persons were in the early hours of yesterday killed and beheaded by suspected cultists at Edeoha community in Ahoada-East local government area of Rivers State.

This is as the inspector-general of police, Mr Solomon Arase, has deployed a team of homicide police officers to investigate the continuous killings in different communities in Rivers State.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the suspected cultists, who were on the trail of a popular native doctor in the community, also put their victims into one of the room in the native doctor's house and set them ablaze.

A source in the community, who pleaded anonymity, said the native doctor, who was also killed by the suspected cultists, specialized in removing bullets from victims of gunshots, adding that the victims, who were suspected to be members of a rival cult group, were in his house for treatment from gunshot wounds when the killers struck.

Acting police public relations officer in the state, Mrs Grace Iringe-Koko, said that the command was aware of the cult – related war but that the number of casualties remained unknown for the moment, adding that the command had started investigation.

Meanwhile, Arase, while fielding questions from journalists yesterday shortly after flagging off a new uniform for Spy Police at the premises of Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) in Port Harcourt, said no one has the right to take another person's life.

The police chief stated that a marching order has been given to the commissioner of police in Rivers State, Musa Kimo, to track down those behind killings in the state, pointing out that a gang of criminals could never overwhelm security forces.

"It is unacceptable for people to take laws into their hands. This is not a Hobbesian state where might thrives. And I have told the commissioner of police, he must go after whoever that has taken the lives of other people and ensure we bring them to book," he said.