Police Kill Alleged Notorious Cultist In Rivers Community

BY ANAYO ONUKWUGHA, Port Harcourt

A suspected notorious cultist, Azunda Elechi, aged 28, was yesterday killed during a gun duel between suspected members of Dey Gham cult group and the police at Ndele community in Emohua local government area of Rivers State.

Police image-maker in the state, Grace Iringe-Koko, disclosed this in a statement issued in Port Harcourt yesterday.

Iringe-Koko stated that operatives of the command got

information in the early hours of yesterday that Elechi, who is an Indigene of Omofo village in Ndele community was among those that carried out an attack at Mgbola village, also in Ndele community last Tuesday.

The police spokesman further stated that during the attack on Mgbola community, four persons were left dead.

The statement reads in part: "In the early hours of Thursday, June 1, 2023, operatives of the Rivers State Police Command received information that one Azunda Elechi 'M' age 28 yrs

from Omofo Community, Ndele Emouha, a notorious member of the Dey-Gbam Cult Group, was among those that carried out an attack at Mgbola Village, Ndele Emohua LGA, on Tuesday, 30th May, 2023, where four persons were left dead.

"On Wednesday, 31st May, 2023, the Dey-Gbam Cult Group invaded the community again. In a shootout between the cultists and the Police/local vigilantes, Azunda Elechi 'M' was fatally injured. One pump action and two live cartridges with three empty cartridge shells were recovered.

"Meanwhile. commissioner of police, CP Nwonyi Emeka Polycard, has urged parents/guardians monitor the activities of their children/wards so as to ensure they do not succumb to societal pressures to do crime.

"Similarly, members the public are enjoined to remain law-abiding and report suspicious activities in their neighbourhood to the police through the following emergency 08032003514 lines: 08098880134."