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Fear grips Odi community over threats of reprisal attack

The manhunt for militants in the Niger Delta has claimed two suspected militants in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

The suspects were killed were last Sunday, it was learnt.

But the police and the Joint Task Force (JTF) said they were cultists.

A combined team of JTF operatives swooped on one of the suspects' home in the Amarata, Yenagoa.

Sources said the JTF operatives stormed the house in the night and shot two of the suspects dead. Others escaped.

One of the fleeing suspects reportedly broke the story to people before he disappeared.

The JTF Commander Lt.-Col. Efik Nnanah, who confirmed the incident, said those killed were cultists.

Police spokesman Iniobong Ibonkete also confirmed the incident.

"They were cultists disturbing the area and there was a distress call and the police went there immediately," he said.

He denied that the youths were not killed for being suspected militants.

In Odi community, the people are still living in fear following the threats of alleged invasion of the community by the maternal kinsmen of the late Ken Niweigha from the neighbouring Sagabama community.

The suspected militant leader's mom hails from a community in the Sagbama Local Government Area.

Irked by the sudden death of their son, Ken, they reportedly visited Odi to find out how he was given out to the police who arrested him.

"Ken's mother's people came to Odi to find out what actually happened," said a source.

Another source, who craved for anonymity, said Ken's maternal kinsmen threatened to attack Odi.

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