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re scared for fear of re-
sal attack.

police spokesman
estina Kalu, a Deputy Su-
intendent of Police (DSP),
d the command had be-
n investigation into the
tter.

le said: "Yes, the incident
urred and the killers es-
ed before police arrived.
ended shells of the am-
nition used were recov-
d. Our crack team is on
ir trail to get the killers."



Zenner and Commandant,
in Jaji, Kaduna State ...
PHOTO: NAN

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h back to his house to en-
e that he faced the same
e as Stafford.

he mob burnt down the
hedo house as what was
led the atonement for his
ominable act.

police spokesman, Stephen
wocha, a Deputy Superin-
ndent of Police (DSP), said
incident was reported to
command.

he spokesman said an ar-

TWO suspected mur-
derers were yesterday
paraded by the Akwa
Ibom State Police Command
for the killing Pastor Okon
Nana.

The deceased was killed
and buried in a shallow grave
by Usen Akpan and Friday
Akpan for land tussle in Ika
Local Government Area.

The late Nana was killed by
the suspects on October 18,
2014, after being abducted
from his home by the hood-
lums and taken to a planta-
tion forest in Ika.

Briefing reporters at the Po-
lice Headquarters in Uyo, the
state capital, the Assistant
Commissioner of Police in
charge of State CID, ACP
Mike Okoli, said the suspects
killed their uncle, the late
Nana, in disagreement over
a portion of land.

The late Nana was a mater-
nal uncle to Usen.

ACP Okoli explained that
when the disagreement
started, the village head,
Effiong Paul summoned a
meeting on how to settle the
dispute but Usen didn't show
up but claimed he had some-
thing urgent to do in Port
Harcourt.

The Police chief said on the
eve of the meeting Usen con-
spired with other people and
broke into the home of Nana
and adopted him while he
was sleeping with his wife.

According to him, it was
through investigation that
the police discovered Nana
had been killed.

He added that the suspects
tied his hands to his back,
beat him to death, and bur-
ied him in the shallow grave.

Okoli said when the police
questioned Usen and asked
why he did not attend the
meeting, it was then Usen
became confused and was
unable to tell the police what
the matter was all about.

The body of the deceased,
according to ACP Okoli, was
later exhumed by the Anti
Robbery Team at a plantation
forest in Ika based on their
confession.

Akwa Ibom Police arrest two for killing cleric

From Kazeem Ibrahim, Uyo

His words: "On the eve of
the meeting, Usen Akpan
went with his gang to the
home of Pastor Okon Nana
and abducted him.

"Investigation continued
until the second conspirator,
Friday Akpan (alias 18) was
arrested. Friday has been at
large because he was a party
in the dispute over the land
and refused to attend the
truce meeting. So, he disap-
peared. Police went into in-
vestigation and intensive
search until he was arrested.

"When he was arrested un-
der interrogation, he owned
up, that yes they did the act,
they killed this man buried
him in a shallow grave.

"We did not stop there, we
asked them to take the police
to the shallow grave where
they buried the man. The
man had been declared miss-
ing since October 18, 2014.
Eventually, they took the po-
lice detectives to a forest in
Ikot Ubo, Ika council, where
they dug the skeletal parts of
the man out of the shallow
grave with his hands tied to
his back.

"The police made arrange-
ment for complete exhumation,
the body was exhumed; we in-
vited a pathologist for autopsy
to confirm the cause of death to
assist us in prosecution."

One of the suspects, Usen
said his uncle (late Nana) had
killed five of his siblings
through witchcraft.

He said he was also trying to
kill him before he organised
youths to eliminate him in the
forest.

"He had killed five of us. I
was the only one left. He con-
fessed to the killing and
vowed to also kill me. I went
to him, knelt before him and
begged him, but he struck me
with sickness. When I became
confused, I had to do what I
did", the suspect said.