

Police kill suspected gang leader in Akwa Ibom

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Akwa Ibom State Police Command has confirmed the killing of Isaac, alias 'Stainless', suspected to be the leader of a gang, which has been terrorising residents.

Commissioner Adeyemi Ogunjemilusi, who briefed reporters yesterday in Uyo the State Capital, on the security situation in Ukanafun and Etim Ekpo local governments, said 'Stainless' was killed after an exchange of fire between the gang and the police on Tuesday.

“A joint operation of security agencies led to the death of Iso Akpafid, a criminal leader, on January 15.

“The people’s jubilation was, however, cut short by the emergence of a wicked and brutal self-crowned successor, who adopted the title of ‘Stainless’.

“Stainless led other hoodlums on a revenge mission and unleashed terror on the area by killing, maiming, defiling, kidnapping, issuing threat letters and burning houses.

“Our efforts were rewarded about 22:30 hours on April 18, with the death of the current and most brutal gang leader, Stainless.

“He died after exchange of gunfire, thus ending his reign of terror and that of his lieutenants,” he said.

Ogunjemilusi urged criminals to stay away from the state.

He advised parents and guardians to monitor their children and wards, especially those in higher institutions, to prevent them from engaging in cultism.