

Suspected killer of Rivers DPO feared dead in joint security raid



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A major security raid in [Rivers State](#) spearheaded by the police has reportedly led to the killing of the notorious cult leader, Gift Okpara, alias 2Baba, the prime suspect in the brutal murder of a former Divisional Police Officer, SP Bako Angbashim.

The police and other security agencies were said to have coordinated a simultaneous land and aerial raid at the identified hideout of the Iceland cult leader and his gang in Idu-Ekpeye, Ahoada East Local Government Area on Saturday afternoon with 2Baba feared dead after the operation.

Angbashim was ambushed and captured by 2Baba's gang in Odiemudie community, Ahoada, last September.

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The DPO was taken into the forest where he was killed, his body dismembered and filmed by the cultists.

A senior police source, who spoke in confidence, disclosed that 2Baba was hit many times during the raid.

He said: “2Baba was hit severally with bullets alongside some of his loyalists.

“2Baba fell flat on the ground, but some of his boys quickly took him away. The police are still moving in to get his corpse.”

Another source, who identified himself as Obi, said he saw almost 15 vehicles and an Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) during the raid.

Though there was no official confirmation about the killing of 2Baba, the entire communities in Ahoada were said to have been thrown into jubilation following reports he might be dead.

The natives particularly heaped praises on the state Commissioner of Police, CP Olatunji Disu, for his relentless efforts to stop terrorism in the area.

Contacted, spokesperson of the State Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, promised to revert on the development.