

Cultists kill police corporal, vigilante operative in Rivers



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Rampaging cultists have killed a police corporal identified as Francis Friday and a member of a vigilante group, OSPAC, Ngozi Ipah, beside the Ahoada East Council Secretariat in Rivers State.

It was gathered that the attackers, said to be members of the Iceland cult group, stormed the OSPAC office and opened fire on the operatives.

The Rivers State Police Command confirmed the development and described it as a brutal attack, noting that it happened at about 8 pm on Monday.

The Police in a statement signed by their Public Relations Officer, SP Grace Iringe-Koko, said the armed assailants were led by two men, Umegbewe Kingsley aka Gutam and one Opaka.

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“During the assault, OSPAC operative Ngozi Ipah was shot. While escaping, the assailants also gunned down a police officer, Corporal Francis Friday, who was on special duty at the Secretariat with the Special Intervention Squad (SIS)”, the statement said.

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It said the police patrol teams led by the Divisional Police Officer arrived at the scene, but the attackers had already fled.

Both victims of the attack were rushed to the Ahoada General Hospital with multiple gunshot wounds but were pronounced dead on arrival, and their bodies were deposited at the hospital morgue for autopsy.

The Commissioner of Police, CP Olugbenga A. Adepoju, visited the scene and deployed tactical teams to the area.

The Police boss directed the Area Commander and DPO to intensify efforts to track down and arrest the perpetrators.

He vowed that the killers of the police officer and the OSPAC operative would not escape justice and urged residents to remain calm and cooperative by reporting any suspicious individuals or activities to the nearest police station.