

Police arrest 18 suspected cultists

EKITI State Police Command has arrested 18 suspected cultists involved in the mayhem at the University of Ado-Ekiti last week in which six students were killed.

Briefing newsmen, the state Commissioner of Police, Mrs Ivy Okoronkwo, said the suspects were arrested with the assistance of the university's cadets corps and some public spirited villagers of Iworoko Community.

She said the leader of the cultists, Mr Adejolu Ogunleye, who led the attack on the university community was a rusticated student of the University.

Okoronkwo disclosed that the cultists used petrol bomb to blast the security post before gaining access into the campus and attacked the office of

the cadets corps.

They freed the two cultists that were detained by the cadets the previous day for stealing mobile telephones.

She explained that they killed and burnt the corps of Sadiat Idris, the adjutant of the cadets corps and a final year student of the university.

They also burnt the office of the cadets corps and vandalised the office of the Chief Security Officer and the Bursars's office.

Two of the suspects, not students of the university, confessed that they were invited by the cultists to take part in the mayhem, she alleged.

Meanwhile, three of the arrested suspects were receiving treatment at Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Ile-Ife.