

3 feared dead as cultists attack Khana communities, torch LG chairman's house

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BARELY three days after cultists allegedly killed about nine persons in renewed violence in parts of Khana Local Government Area, Rivers State, three persons were feared killed in another attack on Saturday.

The houses of the local government chairman, Latteh Lalolo, and the former youth leader were allegedly set on fire during Sunday's attack

which took place in Opuoko and Lumene communities, all in the same local government area.

In Tuesday's attack, which took place in Okwale and later spill over to Taabaa and Nyokuru communities, all in Nyokhana, the houses of the president of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP), Legborsi Pygbara, and that of His Highness, Chief Nule (Jnr) in Taabaa community were set ablaze.

But the Rivers State Police

Command said it arrested two of the suspected cultists in connection with Saturday's attacks.

A statement by the Police Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, said the suspected cultists invaded the two communities, killing one person in Opuoko and two in Lumene communities.

It said the cultists, on sighting the police, ran off, but were pursued, leading to the arrest of two of them.

The two suspects arrested

were identified as Damwua Karagbara, also known as Spider, and Dinee Prince

Items recovered from them included assorted weapons and military camouflage.

The PPRO said that calm had returned to both communities, while the state Commissioner of Police, Mustapha Dandaura, had ordered investigation into the incident, with a view to ascertaining the remote and immediate causes of the attack, and to bring perpetrators to justice.

Couple allegedly beat man to death over attempted stealing in Osun