

Three policemen killed, four others missing in A'ibom cult war

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THE police in Akwa Ibom State have reviewed the ongoing crisis involving suspected cultists and security agencies, just as it disclosed that no fewer than three policemen have so far been killed by hoodlums. In a statement in Uyo, the

state capital on Wednesday, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the command, Odiko Macdon, said four other policemen are still missing in action, adding that operatives are already searching for them and the assailants.

Among those killed on Tuesday, the police spokesman said, was one Ben Ajide,

a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), commander of the command's Quick Intervention Unit (QIU), who led the squad to dislodge hoodlums at their base.

"The Commissioner of Police (CP), Mr Amienheme Andrew, is deeply saddened by the unprovoked attacks on security personnel who were out maintaining the

peace on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, which led to the demise of CSP Ben Ajide, who was the commander of the command's Quick Intervention Unit, and two others, while four others are missing.

"Whereas, the remote and immediate causes of these unprovoked attacks are unknown, a discreet in-

vestigation is on the way to unravel same and seek lasting solution. The CP, hereby, condoles with the deceased officers' families and wish to assure same and members of the public that the command, under his watch, will stop at nothing to bring perpetrators to book."

To ascertain the whereabouts of the four person-

nel, the command has urged members of the public to volunteer information, assuring that the identities of volunteers would be protected.

Two of the dead officers, who were inspectors, were burnt alive, with one inside a patrol van at Ikpe Annang junction, and the other in his home.

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