

Suspected cultist beheaded inside Anambra market

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SUSPECTED cultists on Wednesday killed a member of a rival cult group inside the Eke Awka market in Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State.

A source informed the **Nigerian Tribune** that the incident occurred in the morning as traders were opening their shops for the day's business.

The source described the deceased as a notorious cultist who was always used by the leadership of the market to collect toll from traders.

"He was hacked down in the market at about 7:00 a.m. He sighted members of the rival cult and made efforts to escape and also alert his gang members, but he was not that lucky.

"His head was cut off, including his manhood, which

his assailants took away, leaving the rest of the body lying beside the road in the market," the source said.

He added further that "there was a time he was attacked and dumped for dead, but he survived.

"And since then, he had been in hiding. While being treated at the hospital, he even ran away. "He also sneaked in and out of his family house for fear of being

trailed."

Spokesperson for the state police command, Ikenga Tochukwu, confirmed the incident.

He said operatives of the command had already been dispatched to the market.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident caused traders to hurriedly shut down their shops for fear of reprisal by members of the rival group.