

# Killing of suspected ritualists: **Police arrest six**

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**T**HE police have arrested six suspects in connection with Wednesday's killing of four suspected ritualists in Warri, Delta State.

The suspects, according to the Commissioner of Police, Delta State Command, Mr. Udom Ekpoudom, will soon be charged with murder.

Ekpoudom said the law did not permit anybody to wilfully kill another person.

The four suspected ritualists were set ablaze by a mob, made up chiefly of commercial motorcyclists.

The deceased were found under the bridge

near the state-owned *Delta Rainbow Television*.

Our correspondent learnt that a distress call by a female victim of the suspected ritualists attracted motorcyclists to the scene.

Four of the suspects were set on fire while an army officer saved three others from being killed.

However, Ekpoudom, in a telephone interview with our correspondent on Thursday, said the police had arrested six cyclists involved.

He added that the command had spread its dragnet to arrest other suspects.

Ekpoudom said he had

ordered the area commander in charge of Warri to transfer the suspects to the Criminal Investigation Department for a thorough investigation of the case.

He said did the police did not find any human part at the scene as claimed by the motorcyclists, adding that there was no evidence to show that the victims were ritualists.

Ekpoudom said the motorcyclists acted on impulse by killing the suspected ritualists.

He added that the suspects would be prosecuted to serve as a deterrent to others.