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Command arrests 60 over Akwa Ibom cult killings

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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command says it has arrested 60 suspected cultists in connection with the killing in the Inen community in the Orukanam Local Government Area of the state.

Two persons, Ofonime Uduak and Iniobong Silas, were reportedly killed on Saturday, while residents fled their homes following the clash between members of the *Debamand Iceland* confraternities.

A statement by the command's Public Relations Officer, Nnudam Fredrick, on Tuesday, said the deceased were suspected members of the two groups.

Fredrick stated, “On Sunday, April 26, 2020, around 10pm, the command received a disturbing report of a rival cult clash between members of the *Debam* and *Iceland* confraternities in the Inen Clan, which culminated in the death of one Ofonime Uduak and Iniobong Kufre Silas.

“The deceased were suspected to be members of the *Iceland* and *Debam* confraternities.

“The command swung into action and arrested 60 suspects. Fifteen were charged with murder, while the others were charged with murder and cultism.”

The police spokesperson stated that the command, on Saturday, June 6, 2020, also arrested four other notorious cultists terrorising the same local government area.

The suspects are Inyene Udofia, 18; Monday Ettete, 28; Victor Daniel, 16; and Nsima Udo, 18, all from the Oruk Anam Local Government Area of the state.

He reiterated the commitment of the Commissioner of Police in the state, Imohimi Edgal, to adequately police the state, adding that “the onslaught against cultists/cultism in the state will be sustained.”