

# One killed as cultists ambush Akwa Ibom women farmers

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One person is feared killed and few others injured in Inen community in the OrukAnam Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State as suspected cultists attack some women on their way to farm.

It was gathered that the women were ambushed after leaving the internally displaced camp where they had taken refuge to get food from the farm.

Over 300 persons have been displaced following activities of cultists in the area and have relocated to Ikot Ibritam in the OrukAnam LGA.

A victims, Aniema Etuk, said she and other were waylaid by the cultists when she went to the farm to harvest yam for the family.

Etuk, who is still recuperating in an undisclosed hospital in Uyo, said on Wednesday that she was beaten up and hit with machete.

“I am a widow. I fled from Inen Ikot Offiong when activities of the cultists became unbearable. I ran away the day cultists set the police post ablaze. The building was close to my house.

“On Monday my children were very hungry and I went to the village around 10am to bring food items from my farm. The cultists stopped me close to my house. Two of them brought out machete and cut my back, leg, hands and all parts of my body.”

The Police Public Relations Officer in Akwa Ibom, Odiko MacDon, said, “We don’t have such information; It is not true. I cannot confirm this.”