# Akwa Ibom student arrested for killing colleague, 54 others for cultism

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Men of the Akwa Ibom State Police Command have arrested a student of West Itam Secondary School, Uyo, David Okon, for allegedly killing his colleague, Solomon Bassey, during a cult clash between SS2 and SS3 pupils of the school.

The command also arrested 54 suspected cultists in different locations for terrorising residents of the state.

A statement by the state Police Public Relations Officer, Odiko Macdon, on Tuesday, said 31 of the suspects were arrested following the deployment of operatives by the Commissioner Of Police, Andrew Amiengheme, during cult clashes in Obot Idim, Afaha Ikot, Obio Nkan, Nung Udoe and Ikot Odongo, in the Ibesikpo Asutan Local Government Area, which led to the death of three suspected cultists.

According to the statement, 16 suspects were arrested in Oruk Anam LGA, while seven were apprehended in Etinan LGA

"The suspects confessed and made useful statements pertaining to their involvements in the killings and disruption of economic activities in the area.

"The Commissioner of Police, while decrying the level of moral decadence in some schools and the society, called on parents to inculcate family values in their children.

"He warned that henceforth, the proscription order of the state government would be enforced to the letter," the statement added.

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