

Delta's anti-cult commander murdered, mob burns ex-commissioner's house

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Emu

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The Commander of the Anti-Cult Volunteer Corps, Delta State, Mr Austin Emu, has been killed by suspected members of the Black Axe Confraternity in Kwale, in the Ndokwa West Local Government Area of Delta State.

Our correspondents gathered that the incident occurred on Saturday while the victim was returning from a meeting allegedly called by a former commissioner.

“Unknown to our commander, the same ex-commissioner hosted about 60 Black Axe members in his house. After the man finished meeting with Austin, as he was driving out of the compound, some men shot him at close range,” a source said.

A group, the Anioma Youth Forum Worldwide, condemned the killing.

A statement signed by the association’s National Publicity Secretary, Ekwukwo Elvis, called for investigation and arrest of the culprits.

“Austin Emu, a prominent Anioma youth, has over the years made immense contributions to the fight against crime, especially cultism, to ensure that Delta State is safe for all and sundry,” the statement added.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, confirmed the incident.

She said, “He was murdered in Kwale by armed men. The suspects are at large, but investigation has begun.”

Meanwhile, arsonists on Sunday stormed the residence of the former commissioner who reportedly invited the deceased for the meeting.

The youth accused him of having a hand in the death of the anti-cult commander.

The mob reportedly forced their way into his residence, destroyed property and set the house ablaze.

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