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# Police arrest four suspected murderers, three cultists in Delta



• Suspected cultists

**Matthew Ochei, Asaba**

**T**HE Delta State Police Command has arrested one Okwudili Obi and three others for multiple murders.

The acting Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Bright Edafe, who stated this on Thursday in Asaba, said Obi had been on the wanted list of the command.

He stated, "On Wednesday, April 14, 2021, police operatives attached to the Delta State Intelligence Bureau, after a series of intelligence gathering, with the assistance of the command's tactical teams, stormed the Asem-Uku community in the Ndokwa East LGA and successfully arrested one Okwudili Obi and three others.

"Okwudili is the notorious principal suspect in a case of multiple murders and arson that led to the destruction of many houses in the community,

"The suspect, Okwudili Obi, happens to be one of the principal



• Suspected murderers

suspects involved in the murder of one Sunday Nwachukwu and Fidelis Amani, who were allegedly murdered sometime in the year 2017 in the Asem-Uku community.

"He and his cohorts have been on the wanted list of the command. Exhibits recovered from him include three cutlasses, six daggers, one long sword, charms wrapped with red/white blood stained cloths."

Edafe added that the case was still under investigation with a view to arresting Obi's accomplices, who are currently at large.

③ In another development, the PPRO said sequel to the cult clash that led to the killing of some suspected cult members in Otu-Jeremi, the Commissioner of Police, Muhammed Ali, had ordered the Divisional Police Officer, Otu-Jeremi Division, to fish out those involved and bring them to justice.

According to him, the DPO, SP Pius Eredei, in compliance with the directive, had been on the lookout

and acted on a tip-off to arrest 19 year-old Michael Oghorume, who allegedly murdered one Timaya.

He said Oghorume was suspected to be a member of the Dominion Confraternity in the Eyara community, Otu-Jeremi.

The PPRO said the suspect made

## Windstorm kills one, injures three in Imo

**Gibson Achonu, Owerri**

**A** windstorm, which swept through the Umuejem community in the Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State has claimed the life of a middle-aged man and left three others critically injured.

Officials of the National Emergency Management Agency, led by the acting Head of the Imo-Abia Operations Office, Mr Chidi Ogundu, confirmed the casualty figure to journalists during an assessment of the community on Thursday.

Ogundu noted that 575 persons were displaced by the disaster, while no fewer than 35 houses and business premises were destroyed.

"We are conducting a joint assessment with other humanitarian agencies in Owerri to ascertain the level of damage caused by the windstorm," he stated.

The windstorm also wreaked havoc on Umuejem village in Obinze community and caused a wide range

useful statement, which led to the arrest of one Timothy Samuel, 20, of Eyara community and three others on Tuesday, adding that exhibits recovered from them included a double-barrelled cut-to-size gun, some rolls of electric wires and a cutlass.



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"Residential buildings, churches, business premises and critical infrastructure were completely destroyed, leaving a lot of people in agony," Ogundu said.

He added that as of the time of the assessment by the joint team, one life was lost and three persons sustained varying degrees of injury and were receiving treatment in a hospital, adding that the assessment further revealed that millions of naira worth of goods and properties were damaged.

Ogundu commiserated with the victims and promised to let relevant authorities know about the incident and their plight for possible assistance.

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the electricity firms were seen carrying out repair works.

Meanwhile, the PHED

station.

"Repairs are already ongoing and supply will be restored as

## Imo villagers rescue suspected