

Suspected cultists dismember Rivers vigilante commander, parade head

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Rivers State Commissioner of Police, Eboka Friday

The Rivers State Commissioner of Police, Friday Eboka, has ordered investigation into the alleged murder of the commander of a vigilance group, Alex Umezurike, in the Emuoha Local Government Area of the state.

Umezurike headed a vigilance outfit, codenamed Omudioga Security Planning and Advisory Committee.

PUNCH Metro learnt that gunmen, suspected to be cultists, invaded his house on Tuesday and shot him several times.

The assailants were said to have further chased him into a nearby bush, where they decapitated him.

A source in the community said the gang, after beheading the OSPAC commander, cut his body into bits.

He said, "Some cult boys came into our community last night (Tuesday) and killed the OSPAC commander. They entered his house and shot him several times; he ran, but they chased him into a bush, where they killed him. The killing was horrible. They returned his body to the compound and cut it into pieces. They cut off his head and carried it around the community before leaving."

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Following the killing, there was panic in the community, as many villagers remained indoors for fear of being attacked.

A spokesman for the police in the state, Nnamdi Omoni, said the command had spread its dragnet to track down perpetrators of the dastardly act.

Omoni said, "We are investigating. For now, we have been able to restore normalcy in the area. Our patrol vans and men are there. The place is being ransacked and investigation has been ordered by the commissioner of police. So, there is no cause for alarm, though no arrest has been made as of now." „

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