In another development, the police boss disclosed that operative arrested four suspects linked to a notorious cultist, Daddy Chukwu, who was traced to his hideout in Delta State and killed early this year by the police after they shot and killed a community leader, Chief Ndidi Livingstone in presence of his family.

CP Disu said, "Recall the assassination of the then Community Development Committee Chairman of Mgbuoshimini, Chief Ndidi Livingstone on 13th January 2024 in front of his church, the Peculiar Faith Ministries, Rumueme.

"The cold-blooded murder which was carried out in broad daylight was captured in a viral video that sparked outrage. I directed a team of Operatives of the FID-Intelligence Response Team and the Rivers State Command on a nationwide manhunt for the killers."

He said following investigations, other members of the gang were identified in a video by a special team.

"The unrelenting manhunt for the perpetrators seen shooting and murdering the deceased in the viral video has now led to the arrest of the three other persons directly responsible for the assassination and six more persons belonging to their criminal network."

Disu, however, said while the four arrested suspects led operatives to one of the camps to recover arms and ammunition, other gang members opened fire on them and as those arrested tried to escape they were gunned down.

He said, "During the investigation, four of the suspects, John Lucas 'm', Nnamdi Emmanuel, m', Ogolo Promise 'm', and Adebayo Adebayo 'm' led Operatives to one of their camps at Pipeline, Aluu village for the recovery of their cache of weapons. "While approaching the camp, they came under heavy gunfire by hoodlums suspected to be fellow gang members.

"The suspects attempted to escape in the ensuing ambush but were caught in the crossfire. The hoodlums were eventually overpowered, and the suspects were rushed to the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital for medical attention.