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## NEWS:

### **Security agents kill 21 cultists in Bori**

**...others fled to remote villages**

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Security agents at Bori, headquarters of Khana local government area of Rivers State are understood to have intensified battle against suspected cultists in the area, recording what insiders described as impressive results.

Reliable sources in the old, but undeveloped town told this paper that a detachment of combined security operatives stationed currently in Bori made impressive runs on the miscreants in three separate operations. We learnt that, no fewer than 21 members belonging to the various notorious gangs operating at Bori town and its environs may have been gunned down during battles involving the parties.

According to the source, the battle began at Looyoo, a suburb in Bori where the security operatives stormed into the gangsters and in the ensuing battle, killed about 12 of them while others escaped.

The determined security agents were said to have carried out a similar attack on the criminals at a place called New Town around Bori last week and successfully dislodged them with about seven killed in the battle.

The clamp down took the officers to yet another hide-out where the gangsters were allegedly feasting and apparently strategizing for a fresh nefarious deal.

But, at the end of the encounter, security officers had the upper hand, killing an undisclosed number and arresting four, while some escaped.

Bori residents who spoke to us commended the effort of the security at returning normal life to the area.

The people are questioning the rationale behind the increased criminal activities like cultism, robbery and rape among youths in the area arguing that Bori deserves positive attitude and initiatives from all residents and youths in particular to improve living standard.

"Bori becomes dirtier daily. No new buildings, no social life or recreation like before. There is also no soccer competitions or other forms of organized sports.

Even though we sincerely need strong help from both the state and federal governments to uplift life here, the youths must not cause this state of insecurity and hatred as it is today. That will not enable us to live happily and build the area together", a source lamented.

Security personnel interviewed on the action against criminals in Bori refused to comment, even as applauses continued to herald the action.

