

# Soldiers kill notorious cultist, 'Supreme,' in Rivers

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**SOLDIERS** from the 6 Division of the Nigerian Army, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, have gunned down a notorious cultist known as

three dead, houses burnt in Tiv, Jukun clash

from **Rose Ejembi**, Makurdi

**THREE** persons were feared and while many others were injured in a clash between the Tiv and Jukun youths at Ali community, opposite the Nigeria Air Force (NAF) in

Supreme, who has been on the wanted list of the Rivers State government. A member of his group in the state was also arrested.

Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, 6 Division, Colonel Aminu Iliyasu, in a

statement released yesterday, said that the dangerous cultist was killed by troops of 29 Battalion deployed at Ebubu, Eleme Local Government Area, and the Anti-Robbery Team of 6 Division, Nigerian Army, deployed along the Port Harcourt-Akwa Ibom Road.

Iliyasu said the troops carried out a successful raid on Sime community in Tai Local Government Area of the state following a tip-off, and, during the operation, the troops had a gun duel with members of the dreaded Dey Gbam cult group, led by Supreme, who had been wanted for long by the state government.

The Army spokesman said Supreme was shot during the gunfight and later died of excessive bleeding,

while several others escaped with gunshot wounds.

According to him, one ThankGod Ndunaka, a suspected member of the cult, was arrested and handed over to the police for further investigation.

Iliyasu stated that items recovered during the raid included one SIGP228 pistol and 10 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

"The authorities of the Headquarters 6 Division hereby warn that it will henceforth clamp down on persons or groups indulging in any form of criminality within Rivers State and across its entire area of responsibility," he said and appealed to members of the public to give useful tips on criminal elements to the police.

Traditional ruler of Makurdi, Ter Makurdi, Chief Sule Abenga, who was in the area with his chiefs, lamented the crisis and declared that the body of a young man who was shot in the head was found by the bank of the river nearby.

Meanwhile, as Governor Samuel Ortom, in company