

suspected cult leader in Imo

From **George Onyejiuwa,**
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A suspected cult leader, **Emeka Amadi**, was shot dead at the week-

end while allegedly trying to disarm a naval officer in Awaka community in **Owerri North Local Government Area of Imo State.**
Daily Sun reliably gathered that

trouble started when the deceased and members of his cult group allegedly attacked some elders of Umunkwe village in Awaka community who were returning from a

meeting.

It was further learnt that, during the attack on the elders by the deceased and his group, one of the elders, **Martin Owana**, who managed to escape, reported the incident to security agents at a Navy checkpoint along the **Owerri-Emekuku-Umuahia road.**

He said: "We were attacked by **Emeka Amadi** and his group as we were returning from our meeting. When I managed to escape, I reported the matter to the Navy personnel at the checkpoint close to the Catholic church along the **Emekuku-Owerri-Umuahia road** so that they could come to the rescue my colleagues, who were under attack."

"When one of the naval officers arrived at Umunkwe village, he called **Emeka Amadi**, who is the leader of the group, to move to the checkpoint but he refused. He and his group wanted to disarm the officer. It was at that point the naval officer called his colleagues because **Emeka** and his group were bent on disarming him. It was while they were struggling that the gun accidentally discharged and killed **Emeka.**"

Following the death of their leader, the youths went on rampage. Reports said they attacked and destroyed the naval checkpoint. They burnt **Martin Owana's** car because he allegedly reported the matter at the checkpoint.

The youths also set ablaze houses belonging to **Ugochukwu Opara** and **Nicholas Anyanwu**. They also vandalised the home of **Peter Chima.**

When contacted, the spokesman of the **Imo State Police Command**, **Andrew Enwerem**, confirmed the incident. He added that the police have restored calm to the community.

He said that the command has already commenced investigation to ascertain what led to the death of **Amadi.**

NDLEA arrests father of 2 over cannabis in Edo

From **Ighomuaye Lucky,**
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THE Edo State Command of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has apprehended a 38-year-old father of two for allegedly dealing in sacks of dried weeds that tested positive for cannabis sativa. The suspect, **Bello**, was arrested at **Egbeta village** in **Ovia North East Local Government Area** of the state.

Similarly, the command conducted a raid on a cannabis farmhouse in **Uyere forest**, **Ovia North East**, where 11 sacks of cannabis were seized. The drug found on **Bello** weighed 24 kilogrammes, while the 11 sacks found in the

farm weighed 130 kilogrammes. Also recovered from the farmhouse were cannabis sativa seeds, weighing eight kilogrammes. This brought the total weight of drug exhibits to 162 kilogrammes.

The state commandant of the NDLEA, **Mr. Buba Wakawa**, congratulated officers of the **Okada Area Command** and vowed to continue with similar raids to eliminate illicit drugs from state.

"I especially congratulate officers of **Okada Area Command** for the arrest and seizures. We are making consistent progress and will not relent until the entire state is free from the menace of illicit drugs," he said.

Wakawa equally said the com-

mand seized over 14,000 kilogrammes of drugs between January and April 2018.

Over 12 dry season cannabis farms of 7.5 hectares have been discovered and destroyed by the command so far.

Bello hails from **Igba Ateru** in **Ondo State**. He is currently being interrogated by narcotics investigators and will soon be charged to court for allegedly dealing in narcotic drugs.

Meanwhile, the **Edo State Command** of the NDLEA has called on members of the public with useful information on illicit drug dealers to report them to the command, promising that such information would be confidential.

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Allegation

By **Chioma Igbokwe**

TRADERS at the multi-billion naira International Centre for Commerce (ICC), Lagos International Trade Fair Complex (LITFC), Badagry Expressway, Lagos, have threatened to drag the executives of the association and the board of trustees before the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) for alleged mismanagement.