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From **Bamigbola
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OPERATIVES of the
Ondo State Security Net-

Abuja: 4 killed, victim's head chopped off, hung on tree

From **Fred Itua, Abuja**

THE festering insecurity in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) has, again, taken another dimension. Just a few kilometres away from the Life-Camp official residence of the FCT minister, is located a thriving slum, known as Kuchibena, where deadly cult activities have turned into a killing field. This has made life miserable for residents.

Within the past two months, terrified residents said several persons have died, with about four persons murdered this week in a most gruesome manner by people suspected to be cultists.

The last killing that reportedly shook the village was a young man, whose body was said to have been dismembered, with his head chopped off and hung on a stick by his attackers.

One of the community leaders, who pleaded anonymity, said that bloody cult clashes have become too frequent and deadly, making people live on a daily basis with clouds of uncertainty and disillusionment.

The source said the night hours are the worst period for the people, as the criminals have defied almost all the security measures put in place by the community and some security agencies.

While the FCT Police Command Public Relations Officer,

Josephine Adeh, has not reacted to inquiry regarding the incessant killings in Kuchibena, a letter addressed to Abuja Environmental Protection Board, requesting for demolition of the criminal hideouts in the community confirmed

the lawless situation there.

The letter dated April 28, 2021, and signed by the Galadima Divisional Police Officer, CSP Chinyere Akalaga, complained that the activities of the hoodlums had destroyed peace and order in the village

and the surrounding neighbourhood.

The police specifically requested for "dislodgement of illegal structures, settlements imposing security threat within Galadima area."

#EndSARS: Escapee inmates meet Waterloo in Delta

From **Paul Osuyi, Asaba**

THREE inmates who escaped from the Oko Maximum Correctional Centre in Benin, Edo State, during the #EndSARS jail break, have met their Waterloo in neighbouring Delta State.

The unrepentant inmates were killed alongside one other suspect during an exchange of fire with a combined team of policemen in the Agbor area of Delta.

The deceased suspects and other gang members had planned to kidnap one Mrs. Obiageli Eze-Nwane, wife of the Obi of Umunede Kingdom in Ika North-East Local Government Area of Delta, Obi Agadagidi I.

Commissioner of Police in the state, Ari Muhammed Ali, who made the disclosure in Asaba, at a press briefing, said the

suspects sustained severe injuries during fierce exchange of fire, and later gave up the ghost at the hospital.

Ali said men of the command's Special Anti-Kidnapping and Cyber Crime Squad, in a combined effort with operatives of Intelligence Response Unit from the force headquarters, Abuja, intercepted the gang around Agbor by the rail way track.

"The gang engaged the teams in a heavy gun duel and, in the process, the gang were overpowered by the combined team.

"Four of the suspected members of the gang sustained serious gunshot injuries, while others escaped into the surrounding bush with traces of blood.

"The injured suspects were taken to the hospital where they gave up the ghost while receiving

treatment.

"Investigation later revealed that three among the suspects were on death roll who escaped from Oko Maximum prison in Edo State during the #EndSARS jail break," he said.

Ali said one AK 47 rifle, two magazines, two pump action guns, 28 rounds of AK 47 live ammunition and 31 rounds of live cartridges were recovered, adding that the matter was still under investigation.

