

# Cult killings: Police arrest 30, recover body of beheaded victim

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**THE** Edo State Police Command yesterday announced the arrest of 30 suspects over cult-related killings in the state. The Command in a statement by its Deputy Spokesperson, ASP Jennifer Iwegbu, said operatives of the command swung into action after reported killings in different parts of the state.

The statement listed those arrested as David Ebube, Chiedu Rex, Samuel Ebi, Charles Eke, Monday Work of God, Kelvin Izea and Harry Christ. Others are: Emmanuel John, Israel Omale, Emmanuel Eghaghae, Destiny Reuben, Precious Osaemwinnie, Biggy Tortive, Moses Edebo and

Okoro Iyobun.

The rest are Ezekiel Ezi, Frank Amadasu, Efosa Kelvin, Desmond Moses, Jude Precious, Kenneth Osaratin, Joshua Osarodion, Chidi Adia, Osas Emmanuel, Osas Clifford, Godtimes Emmanuel, Julius Urhie, Philip Agho, Godbless Mathew and Kingsley Edet.

"Irked by killing by rival cult groups in some parts of Edo State in the last 72 hours, the Edo State Police Command has responded by massive raids and arrests of suspected cultists associated with the killings.

"Profiling is still ongoing and anyone found culpable or related to any of the killings would be arraigned in court as soon as profiling is concluded," the statement said.