

Cultists kill ACP in Imo

Indigenes of Agwa clan, in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State, were yesterday thrown into mourning following the gruesome murder of a retired Assistant Commissioner of Police and lawyer from the area, Barr. Christian Kpatuma.

The late ACP, popularly known as 'HIPPIES', was allegedly murdered by cultists said to have taken over Agwa.

It was gathered that the cultists, who are well known in Agwa, went to his house in the early hours of yesterday and killed him.

A prominent citizen of the community, who sought anonymity, appealed to Governor Hope Uzodimma to bring those who murdered the late Assistant Commissioner of Police to book.

"I call on the Governor of Imo State to direct the security agencies to Agwa with a view to hunting these cultists and their sponsors and financiers until they are all brought to book.

"Agwa people now live in great fear, in spite of the fact that her well-meaning sons and daughters suffered to build a Police Divisional Headquarters (adjudged to be the best in Imo State), which was commissioned barely three days ago together with a Vigilance Service. I am greatly pained," he said.

When contacted, Imo State Police spokesman, CSP Michael Abattam, said that he has heard about the incident but was yet to get details from the Divisional Police Officer in the area.

"I have heard about it, but I want to get the details from the Divisional Police Officer in the area and get back to you," he said.