

# Tension in Anambra as suspected rival group kills 13 suspected cultists

**Okey Maduforo**  
AWKA

**A**t least 13 persons suspected to be members of a cult group have killed by a suspected rival cult group in Awka, Anambra State, between Easter Sunday and yesterday.

This has created tension in the state capital as other rival groups are said to have concluded plans for reprisal.

On Easter Sunday, four persons were killed in Awka by an unconfirmed cult group who were said to be operating with two SUV vehicles with tinted glasses.

Yesterday it was also reported that nine others were gunned down while having an Easter celebration at a local bar in the area by rival groups.

Reports had it that a certain old or retired member of one of the groups in his mid-forties was killed at neighboring Amansea town which prompted the rival group to embark on a killing spree leading to the death of the nine persons yesterday.

When contacted the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, explained that the Command is not aware of the killings, adding that the one alleged

to have been killed at Ekeh Awka Main Market trending in a video was not true after investigation.

Meanwhile, the Command has arrested a man carrying one AK 47 rifle at Awada in Idemili North Local Government Area.

According to a release by the Police image maker, Ikenga, he said; "Police officers in Anambra State over the Easter weekend arrested an adult male holding a bag in Awada, Idemili North LGA.

"The man, on sighting the police, took to his heels and was chased until he was caught and overpowered.