

Suspected Cultists Kill Two Worshipers in A'Tbom

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Suspected cultists have killed two persons in Etim Ekpo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State during the weekend.

The deceased, Nkereuwem Ime Udo Ekere and Effioyo Emmanuel, were said to be returning from a night vigil organised by the New Church

at Ikot Ese village in the local government.

The deceased were reportedly killed by suspected members of the Iceland confraternity in the ongoing cult war in the local government.

Checks revealed that those killed were indigenes of Okoyo village in Ukanafun Local Government Area of the state.

"They were killed near Akpan Ido compound at about 4:00 a.m. in Ikot Ese village, while returning from a night prayer organised by the New Church in Ikot Ese community," a source said.

The source added that "these people were attending a night prayer and crusade at the New Church in Ikot Ese village. They own a gospel

band that some churches and other events planners hire for their occasion.

"After the prayer session, they left the church as early as 4:00 a.m. on motorcycle heading towards Okoyo village in Ukanafun Local Government Area, but were ambushed few meters from the church near Enen Akpan Ido (Akpan Ido compound) and shot dead.