

22 Suspects Arrested over Murder of Police Inspector, Cult Activities in Akwa Ibom

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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command has arrested 22 Suspects in connection with the Murder of one Inspector Usang Egbe and for cult-related activities in the State.

The command in a statement yesterday said the arrests were made between the 31st of January and the 2nd of February 2024.

"For the avoidance of doubt, the Command will intensify its onslaught against criminal elements in the State and wishes to inform Akwa Ibomites that

perpetrators of heinous crimes will be brought to book."

Also, it said relying on credible intelligence, Anti-Cultism Unit of the Command arrested one Emem Ime Friday, alias BARRACKS, a serial murderer from Mbiaso village in Oruk Anam LGA who masterminded the Inen Clan Cult War.

"In 2022, he orchestrated the gruesome murder of Inen Clan Youth President, one Hezekiah Adaidem, beheaded him and severed his manhood and then fled to Rivers State. While in 2020, he allegedly murdered Ufot Unwaria on August 8,

Udeme Unwucha and Okon Ubok Udom on 16th September.

"Other victims on 24th November were Ntiedo Sambo, Eferemfon James and Gilbert Akpan.

The command said on 22/1/2024 at about 5:15 pm, following actionable intelligence, operatives of Ika Division arrested one Emmanuel Francis Daniel 'm' aged 33yrs of Otomo village in Ika L.G.A., for killing one Emmanuel Jimmy Udoh 'm' aged about 58 years of Nket Abak village in Ukanafun L.G.A., the pastor of Jesus

Power Ministry in Ikot Esu village in Ika L.G.A of Akwa Ibom State.

"The suspect together with others now at large, shot the pastor to death in the church. Efforts are on to arrest other fleeing suspects."

Similarly, the statement stated that on 23/1/2023, one Happiness Isaiah Ekanem 'f' and 3 others of Ikono L.G.A., who conspired and killed one Imo Isaiah Ekanem 'm' aged 32years of the same address by beating him to death and secretly buried the corpse have been arrested and investigation ongoing.