

# Three suspected cultists nabbed over murder of two in Edo

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**B**ENIN—TWO persons were shot dead at Uzebubu quarters in Benin City, weekend, when gunmen suspected to be cultists invaded the area and shot at dealers of metal scrap.

Vanguard gathered that the two deceased persons, Ehosa and Osahomwin were sent to the area by their boss, identified as a Warri man to collect some money when they met their deaths.

Meanwhile, the families of the deceased persons have appealed to the police to arrest and prosecute the killers, declaring that the matter must not be swept under the carpet.

Spokesman of the Edo state Police Command, Mr Peter Ogboi who paraded three of the suspects who were arrested in connection with the murder, described the incident as unacceptable and vowed that the police would ensure that all those involved

in the mayhem were arrested.

Narrating the incident to newsmen, he said that "investigations have revealed that three of those presently in our custody were arrested for conspiracy while others are still at large.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, two boys Ehosa and Osahomwin went to collect some money from one of the metal scrap dealers who bought a bus from one Warri man. When they got there the person they went to collect the money from made a phone call and some armed men whom we have identified as cultists stormed the area and started shooting people and in the process these two boys were killed.

"We believe that it was one Uche Okelue that called these armed cultists because IK Umeh has confessed to us that it was Uche his friend that made the call.

Arinze, one of the suspects also told us he saw the cut to size gun which the boys came with and incidentally our men picked some used cartridges"