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By Emma Amaize

WARRI — CULTISTS have taken over Okurowe community in Okpe Local Government Area of Delta State.

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Spokesman of Delta State Police Command, Mr. Charles Muka, who confirmed the arrest of the suspects to Vanguard, said: "They have all been remanded in Prisons in Warri."

In Okurowe community, Vanguard learnt that the rampaging cultists were invited by some indigenes of the community involved in sand dredging business to allegedly intimidate elders and leaders of the town for daring to stop their dredging operations, which is affecting the ecology of the town.

It was learnt that the cultists had terrorised the people, forcing many of them to flee to neighbouring towns.

However, on Wednesday, men of 3 Battalion, Nigerian Army, Effurun, swooped on the community on a rescue mission.

Commander of the battalion, Lt. Col. Otu, told Vanguard that he received a distress call that cultists had taken over Okurowe community and directed his men to go to the community and restore peace.

Our source said a gun battle ensued between the soldiers and cultists, when they got to the community and at the end of the crossfire, one of the cultists was gunned down, while others fled.

Lt. Col. Otu said two suspects were arrested during the raid, adding that soldiers would remain on ground in the community to ensure that peace reigns.

It was gathered that peace had returned to the community with the deployment of soldiers.

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**USIADA DESMOND**

thanks 4 the advice but dont forget that delta center parade the most talented youths in Delta state but what we get in return from govt is marginalization and deprivation in appointment and

empowerment. they have turned most of our youths to okada drivers while they train their youths abroad that have zero talents. anyway, thanks 4 ur advise wagod3

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**pisonreal**

Assuming it is one of those community leaders or elders that is dredging the sand, leader or elder will not be tag cultist. I believe that these so leaders or elders need their share from the dredging activities and the only way to do it is to call the youth all sort of names and label bad. it is just too unfortunate that this community leaders of thieves are using this reporter.

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**USIADA DESMOND**

Who is a cultist?. from your report I strongly believe that those guys you tagged cultist are just community unemployed youths fighting for survival. remember, those youths in delta center have been grossly marginalized by state and federal government. will u be bold enough to call tompolo and ayeri cultist in their various communities. leave these boys alone my friend.

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**wagod3**

I strongly disagree with your opinion on this issue. I hereby advise you to change your mind set on community unemployed youths. An unemployed Youth is not an opportunity to carry arms. Have they showcase their talent or technocrat. You are expected to be Agent of Change. Delta state Youths are going from bad to Worst and this is how it stated in Rivers state. Please effect that positive change in your domain.

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**USIADA DESMOND**

thanks, on positive change we stand. God bless delta state

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**Udonwa Ochuko Titus**

IT IS WORRISOME THE KIND OF REPORTING SOME OF OUR JOURNALIST DO NOWADAYS. IN THE OKUROWHE STORY, WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO GET THE SUSPECTS SIDE OF THE STORY SINCE AT LEAST YOU TOLD US THEY WERE ARRESTED?

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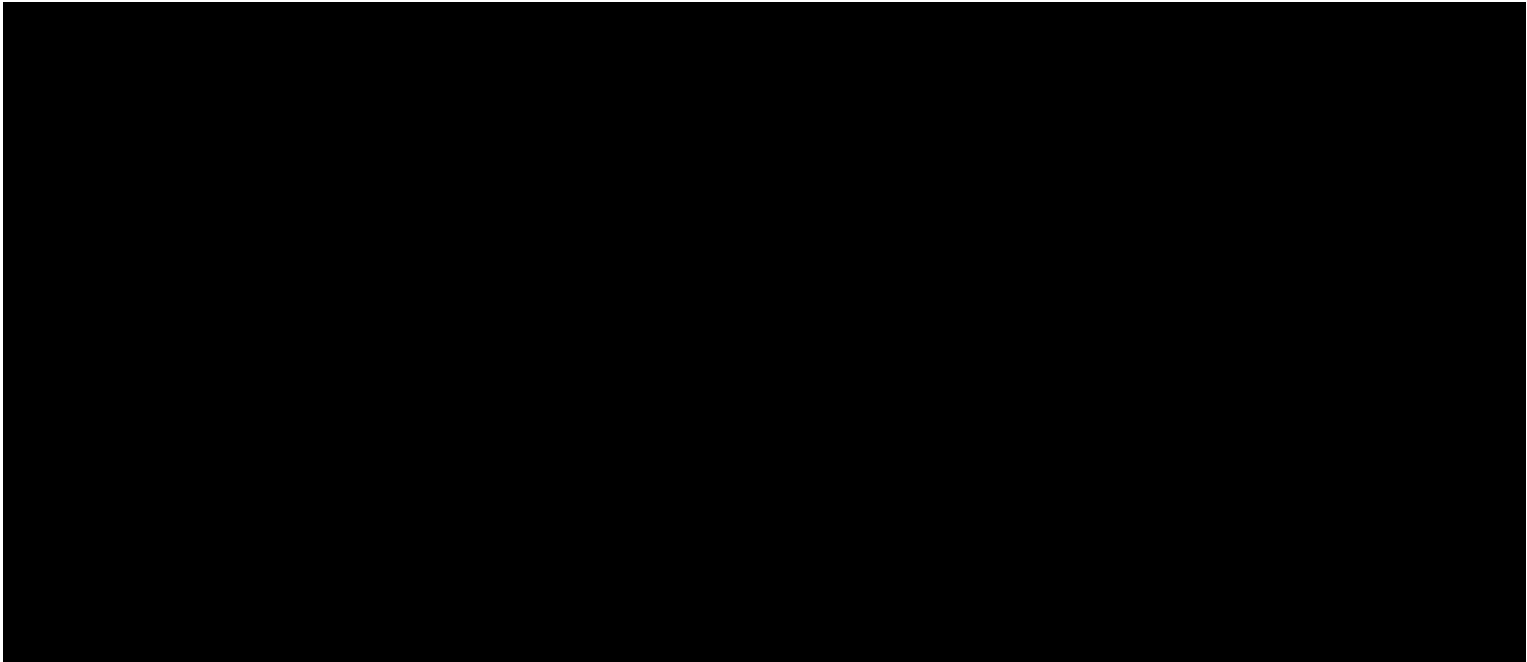
  
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