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Cultists kill 4 in Rivers as Police deploy men

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PORT HARCOURT—Four persons have been confirmed dead by the Police in Ula Upata community, Rivers State, after suspected cultists stormed the area, Saturday night, shooting sporadically.

The state Police Commissioner, Mr. Musa Kimo, who spoke on the development, yesterday, said heavily armed Policemen have been deployed to the area to secure lives and properties.

The Police boss, who said he was deeply saddened by the ugly incident,

appealed for collaboration between the Police and communities to effectively tackle security challenges in the state.

He said residents should assist Police with timely information when they see suspicious persons in their neighbourhood.

He gave the names of those killed as Mrs. Monica Zion, 62, Gospel Nwoka, 45, Patricia Ziko, 42, and Rogers Nwoka 28.

He said the Police was making frantic effort to track those behind the incident, expressing hope that they will be arrested.

He said peace had returned to the community with armed Policemen on ground combing the area for any clue that will lead to the arrest of those behind the heinous crime.

Community sources told the *Vanguard* that the suspected cultists invaded the community at about 9p.m., Saturday, shooting sporadically.

The sources, who did not want their names in print, said the action of the cultists caused so much tension as many residents scampered into the bush for safety.

One of the sources said an Okada rider was among those allegedly killed, adding that the rampaging cultists also extended to Edeoha community in the same local government where they also shot sporadically.