

IMO CULTISTS ON RAMPAGE: 5-yr-old killed, 3 cars, 2 houses razed in revenge attack

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OWERRI—CULTISTS killed a five-year-old boy after setting two houses ablaze at Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State, Sunday night.

Members of the Iceland cult group at Etekuru community in the local government were said to have killed the child, whose name was given as Believe Tobias, while on a mission to kill suspected security agencies' informants in the area.

Security sources told *Vanguard* in Owerri that two Toyota Camry

cars and another Volkswagen Passat were burnt to ashes during the attack, which began at about 10p.m.

The attackers, who were said to have arrived the community in four motorcycles and armed with guns and fuel, went straight to their targets' residents.

Little Tobias was sleeping on a mattress in his parents' house when the cultists arrived, sprinkled petrol on it as well as other corners in the house before setting the place ablaze.

One of the victims, who lost his newly-acquired Toyota

Camry car, was said to be a former Chief Security Officer.

The traditional ruler of Etekuru and Chairman of Ohaji/Egbema Council of Traditional Rulers, Eze Okwodu, who conducted government representatives including the Chairman of the Local Government Area, Ebenezer Amadi, round the area yesterday evening, expressed shock over what he described as man's inhumanity to man.

Amadi promised that everything would be done to arrest the perpetrators.

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