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Cultists kill inspector in Cross River; 22 criminals arrested

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By Ike Uchechukwu

CALABAR—Tragedy struck, yesterday, when suspected cultists engaged a police patrol team in a gun battle at Nkwa Street off Eyamba, Calabar, Cross River State, killing an inspector, Mr. Edet Archibong.



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One Chance: The suspects who pose as taxi operators to dispossess passengers of valuables.

Vanguard gathered that Inspector Archibong was shot dead when security operatives, comprising X-Squad Unit and *Operation Skolombo*, were attacked and two of their vehicles set ablaze, while another officer, Sergeant Awo Wasalso, shot but is recuperating at the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, UCTH.

Briefing newsmen in Calabar yesterday, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Admin), Tunde Gbolarunmi, said so far eight people have been arrested in connection with the crime, and that investigation was ongoing and the arrested suspects will soon be charged to court.

He also disclosed that two cultists were killed and one arrested in a gun battle along Bogobiri by Queen Duke Street, out of more than 50 of them who engaged a patrol team from Atakpa Police Station in a shootout.

Gbolarunmi added that a 12-member *One Chance* fraud syndicate was smashed at Oceanic Ripples Hotel, Asari Eso, Calabar.

His words: "Members of a syndicate of 419 fraudsters, also known as *One Chance* were arrested. The suspects, both males and females, are also part of those now in our custody."

Vanguard learned that they pose as taxi drivers to dispossess unsuspecting members of the public of their valuables within the metropolis.

A Passat wagon and Golf 3, with number plates GWA 865 and ZBL 188 RL, respectively, were recovered from them.



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