

sustained injuries and he is receiving treatment."

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Trader killed in Ebonyi

Confirming the killing of the trader in his shop by gunmen at Nwambara Junction along Mile 4-Agalegu-Ishieke road in Ebonyi Local Government Area, yesterday, in Abakiliki, the Ebonyi State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, Loveth Odah, said that the killing was a suspected case of cultism.

She said: "Nothing was reported stolen or robbed from the victim. The Commissioner of Police has ordered a full-scale investigation into the matter to unravel the actual cause of the incident.

"The police have also ordered the arrest and persecution of the perpetrators."

It was gathered that about 30 suspected cultists armed with dangerous weapons, yesterday, invaded the popular Tombia area in the state capital leading to the killing of one person.

It was also gathered that the cultists shot sporadically into the air and attacked anyone in sight. The only resistance came from some vigilante group along the Brass road, who prevented them from entering the street.

Reacting, a business owner in the area and former Security Adviser to the state government, Chief Perekeme Kpodoh, confirmed that the security situation in the Tombia area and other parts of the state is