

4 killed at Kuchibena, Abuja's new axis of terror

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ABUJA—FOUR people have been reportedly killed in Kuchibena, a slum situated few kilometres away from the Life - Camp official residence of the Federal Capital Territory FCT Minister, Muhammadu Musa Bello.

Vanguard gathered that deadly cult activities have become the order of the day by hoodlums who have in the past two months held residents to ransom.

Some of the terrified residents, who pleaded anonymity for fear of reprisals by the cultists, said about four-person have been gruesomely murdered by suspected cultists, this week alone.

"The last killing that shook the village was a young man, whose body was dismembered, with his head chopped off and hung on a stick by his attackers", said a resident.

The cultists, many of who were said to be under 18, are said to be consumers of illicit drugs.

According to the terrified residents, nightfall now comes like a dreaded disease, as the criminals who have defied almost all the security measures put in place by the Community and some security agencies continue to operate unchallenged.

Though the FCT Police Command Public Relations Officer, Josephine Adeh, did not immediately respond to media enquiries, *Vanguard* has a letter written by the Command dated April 28, 2021, which was addressed to the Abuja Environmental Protection Board AEPB, requesting for demolition of the criminal hideouts.

The letter signed by the Galadima Divisional Police Officer, CSP Chinyere Akalaga, complained that the activities of the hoodlums had destroyed peace and order in the village and the surrounding neighbourhood.