

INSPECTOR'S MURDER: Police arrest suspected serial killer, 21 others in A'ibom

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POLICE in Akwa Ibom State have arrested 22 suspects in connection with Wednesday's murder of In-

Katsina Security four

and two others.

Sunday Vanguard learnt from a source that Armay'a'u, who recently obtained permission to visit his family, met his demise in the attack.

According to the source, Armay'a'u and the two other victims, identified as Lawal and Mamuda, all hail from Damari village.

Despite clamp down from the Katsina Community Watch Corps, in conjunction with other security agents, findings by *Sunday Vanguard* revealed that over 100 locals have been abducted and scores of others have lost their lives in the past one month alone.

Spokesperson for Katsina Police Command, ASP Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu, was yet to confirm the report as of press time.

spector Usang Egbe, others by alleged cultists in the state.

The disclosure, yesterday, by SP Odiko Macdon, Police Public Relations Officer, Akwa Ibom State, indicated that the arrests, including that of an alleged serial murderer, Emem Ime Friday, were made between January 31 and February 2.

Odiko's statement explained: "Command will intensify its onslaught against criminal elements in the State and wishes to inform Akwa Ibomites that perpetrators of heinous crimes will be brought to book.

"On 30/01/24, at about 2330hrs, relying on credible intelligence, Anti-Cultism Unit of the Command arrested one Emem Ime Friday, alias Barracks, a serial murderer from Mbiaso village in Oruk Anam LGA who masterminded the Inen Clan Cult War.

"In 2022, he orchestrated the gruesome murder of Inen Clan Youth President, one Hezekiah Adaidem, beheaded him, severed his manhood and fled to Rivers State. In 2020, he allegedly murdered

Ufot Unwana on August 8th, Udeme Unwucha, Okon Ubok Udom on 16th September and Ntiedo Sambo, Eferemfon James and Gilbert Akpan on 24th November of the year.

"Also, on 22/1/2024 at about 5:15pm, following actionable intelligence, Operatives of Ika Division arrested Emmanuel Francis Daniel 'm' aged 33yrs of Otomo village in Ika LGA, for killing one Emmanuel Jimmy Udoh 'm' aged about 58years of Nket Abak village in Ukanafun LGA, the Pastor of Jesus Power Ministry in Ikot Esu village in Ika LGA in Akwa Ibom.

"The suspect together with others now at large, shot the Pastor to death in the church. Effort is on to arrest other fleeing suspects.

"Similarly, On 23/1/2023, one Happiness Isaiah Ekanem 'f' and 3 others of Ikono L.G.A. who conspired and killed one Imo Isaiah Ekanem 'm' aged 32years of same address by beating him to death and secretly buried the corpse have been arrested and investigation ongoing.

"The Commissioner of Police is Committed to the peace and safety of all Residents of Akwa Ibom State."