

Police arrest, parade three suspected cultists, recovers ammunition in Edo

The Edo State Police Commissioner, Funsho Adegboye, has said the State is recording remarkable progress in the war against cultists and other criminal gangs in the State.

The Commissioner said this when the State's Police Command paraded three suspected cultists, in Benin City, the Edo State. The suspects were alleged to be members of the Maphite confraternity.

The suspects are Eyefia Godbless 'M' 30 years, Imuetiyan Ewemade 'M' 30 years, and Emeka Okpaja 'M'

22 years.

Adegboye said the cult members were sighted at Ubiaza Community, Off Sapele Road in Benin City, engaging in clandestine activities to avenge the killing of one of their members, late Kokori 'M' who was allegedly killed by members of Aye confraternity, a rival cult group in June 2024.

The CP said one automatic pump action gun, 11 live cartridges, three green berets, and Maphite constitution were the exhibits recovered from the suspect as they made confessional statements affirming their

membership of the cult group.

He said, 'We have the full backing of the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kayode Egbetokun on the fight against cultism and we are not joking with it. We also have the backing of Edo State Governor, Mr. Godwin Obaseki, and his executives who all believe that this war against cultism must be fought to a standstill until the State is void of cultism and criminality.

'It's difficult to separate cultism and heinous crimes like killings without fear or remorse. Look at their beret and constitution, the book that governs their illicit activities, killing, and counter-killings.