

7 killed as cultists invade Rivers' community

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RIVER—No fewer than seven persons have been killed in Obelle Community, Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers State, by suspected cult groups terrorizing the community.

It was gathered that the cultists operated in the community on Wednesday night unhindered, killing the victims.

A source in the community, who gave his name simply as Obinichi, said the killers trailed their victims to their various houses and killed them.

He noted that earlier on Thursday, that the police had visited some of the scenes of crime and recovered two dead bodies, saying three of the victims were later buried by their families.

The Leader of a local vigilante in Uvwuahu, Ibaa and Obelle, Communities, Chinanu Eleonu, confirmed the development, but accused one man he described as Kiro and Oyibo of leading the cultists that perpetrated the heinous crime.

Confirming the development, the Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Grace Iringe-Koko, said five persons were killed, saying "Yes I can confirm. It is five persons. It is a cult related issue from a reprisal attack. Seven persons have been arrested. The CP has ordered deployment to the area and normally has been restored. Investigation is ongoing to arrest other suspects."