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Four persons suspected to have been connected with the killing of a middle-aged pastor, Ike Okolie, have been arrested by the Delta State police command.

The suspected assassins, according to the police, accosted the cleric, around Achalla- Ibusa road, Delta north before pumping bullets into him.

It wasn't clear what the motive for the assassination was, but the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Celestina Kalu, noted that all the suspects have given the police useful information as to the murder of the pastor.

He was travelling with his wife in his car when three masked men stopped the car at gunpoint, murdered him and left him almost lifeless. He died on his way to the hospital.

"On 25/9/2014 at about 1235hrs, one Mrs. Maureen Okolie of Umudiudo quarters Ibusa reported at the Police Station, Ibusa, that on the same date at about 1100hrs, while travelling to Asaba with her husband, one Ike O. Okolie, who was said to be a Pastor, in their car, three masked gun men emerged from the bush along Achalla- Ibusa road and shot her husband and thereafter escaped. The victim died on the way to hospital.

"Based on the report, detectives swung into action and arrested four suspects in connection with the crime. The suspects are currently assisting homicide detectives at the CID Asaba in investigation.

"The corpse has been deposited in the morgue for autopsy. The Command will leave no stone unturned in ensuring that the killers are found and brought to justice", Kalu said.

Meanwhile, a suspected cultist identified simply as Oghale has been felled by a rival gang at Ozoro part of the state.

The Police who visited a hospital where his colleagues dumped him, reportedly found him wearing a T-Shirt with a Viking Confraternity Cult group badge attached.

"Ozoro Police Station received information from a hospital in Ozoro that two young men whose names were unknown rushed one Oghale 'm', surname unknown, alias China to the said hospital on a motorcycle with bullet wound. As soon as the duo dropped the victim, they zoomed off on the pretext that they were going to call the victim's mother.

"On receipt of the information, detectives were dispatched to the said hospital where they met the said Oghale already dead. When the pocket of the deceased's trousers was searched, one live cartridge was recovered.

"The deceased was said to be a wanted notorious armed robber/rapist and cultist, whose gang has been terrorizing the area. His death caused jubilation in the community.

It was gathered that a few hours later, some cultists, suspected to be members of the deceased's cult group took to the street in solidarity with their late colleague.

They were said to have gone on the rampage, molesting innocent persons and collecting their handsets.

"Consequently, a patrol team chased and arrested three of them while others escaped. The suspects will be arraigned in court at the end of ongoing investigation", Kalu added.

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