

# One killed in Delta cult clash

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A suspected cult clash between rival groups has claimed the life of a man identified as Idjesa in the Ughelli area of Delta State.

The incident reportedly occurred on Sunday night.

A post by anti-cultism advocacy platform, Naija Confra, and seen by *PUNCH Metro* on Wednesday, indicated that the deceased was a prince in the community.

“Two people were reportedly shot, but one of them escaped with bullet wounds and was not confirmed dead. Despite reports of several killings by cultists, Naija Confra confirmed only this victim as dead. There were also claims that a policeman was killed over the weekend, but that has not been confirmed,” the platform stated on Telegram.

The Executive Chairman of Ughelli North Local Government Area, Olorogun Egbo, condemned the attack.

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“For those killers hiding behind cultism in Ughelli, we have your dossiers. Your leaders will pay a heavy price. You will be hunted down and face the full weight of the law. No negotiation, no surrender for the mindless killing,” he wrote on Facebook.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Bright Edafe, could not be reached for comment, as calls to his mobile line were not answered. A text message to him had yet to be replied to as of the time of filing this report.

Recurrent cult attacks in Delta State have left several young men dead and many others injured in recent weeks.

PUNCH Metro reported in October that a carpenter identified simply as Ovoke was shot dead in a suspected cult attack in the Warri area of the state.