

# Warri cult war turns bloodier as another youth gunned down

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**T**HE ongoing cult clash in Warri between the Eiye and Vikings confraternities has escalated, with another young man, simply identified as Mike, shot dead in the early hours of Sunday at the Igbudu Market area in Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State.

The latest killing brings the death toll to four within the last seven days, raising fears over whether the situation can be brought under control in the coming days.

Meanwhile, the youth president of Okere community, Mr Sisan Jalogho, alongside members of his executive, embarked on a sensitisation walk around the community over the weekend, warning that residents would not allow the cult war to spread into Okere.

"Whether you are Eiye, Aro Bagga, Aye or any other confraternity, you are warned not to bring it near Okere. If

you dare us, we will look for you. If you escape, we will use your mother or father to send you a 'text message'—they will go to jail," he warned.

The youth leaders also cautioned both indigenes and non-indigenes residing in the community to ensure they do not get involved in the cult violence ongoing in other parts of the oil city.

Vanguard gathered that the violence began last Wednesday when a young man identified as Five Alive, a member of the Vikings confraternity, was shot dead in the Ugbuwangwe area. He was reportedly involved in a dispute with another youth, identified as Shock-er, over a girlfriend.

The following day, two other suspected members of the Eiye confraternity were shot dead in the Odion area of the town.

Residents of Warri woke up on Sunday to find the body of Mike lying in a pool of blood at the Igbudu area.