

2 killed in rival cult groups' clash

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AT least two persons have been confirmed dead and five others seriously injured as two rival cult groups clashed at Elele-Alimini in Emohua local government area of Rivers state.

The cult clash which happened last Wednesday evening as a member of a sister group, the Red Scorpion, denounced his membership to join the *Ice-Lander* group still in same community.

The deadly clash which recorded five persons injured and left property destroyed in the community even as the villagers were scampering for safety in the neighbouring Ikwerre community.

Our correspondent gathered that the decision for a member of the *Red Scorpion* to renounce his membership and join the *Icelanders* did not go down well with his colleagues in the latter group as they clashed among themselves killing two and injured others including

innocent persons.

The clash, had sent most youths of the community deserting villages for safety even as a chief in the community had condemned the acts.

Reacting to the killings and wanton destruction in the community as a result of the clash, a community chief who did not want his names in print, said the activities of the cultists in the area had nearly paralysed economic and social activities in the community.

The chief appealed to the members of the Joint Task Force (JTF) to come to the rescue of

the villagers.

Although the remains of the deceased had been deposited in a mortuary in the community, just as the injured persons are now receiving treatments in the various clinics and hospitals in Ikwerre land.

Contacted on the incident, the Police Public Relations officer (PPRO) in Rivers state, Mrs. Ireju Barasua a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) while confirming the killings, said no official reports have been made by the community to the command, just as she condemned the ugly acts by the cultists.

Abia PDP inaugurates reconciliation, disciplinary panels

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PEOPLES Democratic Party (PDP) Abia State chapter has inaugurated two standing committees-Reconciliation and

Disciplinary-each with seven members, aimed at refocusing it towards a strong and united party.

The Reconciliation Committee is headed by