

Sogboma George killed in Port Harcourt

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Former creek warlord, Sogboma George, was yesterday killed by suspected cult group along Nembe street in Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital.

It was learnt that George was taken unawares by the group suspected to be members of a rival cult group who shot him in Nembe Street located in Borikiri, Port Harcourt.

Immediately the former militant leader was felled by the opponents' bullets, his supporters defied the invading attackers and moved the body of their leader away to an unknown destination.

It was further learnt that two persons, including an unidentified woman, were hit by stray bullets and were rushed to the hospital.

The situation has sparked off cult war, as residents of Borikiri and Town area of the city were forced indoors.

Police Public Relations Officer, Dr. Rita Inoma-Abbey, confirmed the incident.

It will be recalled that Sogboma George was second in command to Ateke Tom.

George's supporters allegedly stormed Port Harcourt prison on June 17, 2005 where he was held for allegation of murder, overpowered the armed security officials guarding the prison, broke into it and "liberated" their colleagues.

Also let off were other 400 prisoners. The jail break heightened fears as the militants then vowed to make the state unsafe for residents.