

CP confirms death of five persons in rival cult clash

THE Bayelsa Commissioner of Police, Mr Hilary Opara, has confirmed the death of five persons in an alleged rival cult clash on Sunday night in Yenagoa, the state capital.

The commissioner of police, who confirmed the incident to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on telephone, said his men were working round the clock to unravel the mystery behind the killings.

Suspected armed cult members arrived at a pub called "Phil Collins bar" at school road in the Edepie suburb of the state capital in a Mercedes Benz car at about 8.15 p.m. and shot at five persons on the spot.

An eyewitness said the assailants who arrived at the pub in a black Mercedes Benz jeep went straight for their target and shot him dead.

The eyewitness said that as a result of the sporadic shooting that followed, four other persons were shot dead in the attack.

The Police on receiving a distress call from an anonymous caller, moved in swiftly to contain the situation.

Political pundits are, however, of the opinion that the killings might not be unconnected with the forthcoming 2012 governorship elections in the state.