

## **We will contain cult war in Calabar - Police**

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The Cross River State Command of the Nigeria Police has pledged to tackle clashes by cult groups in the state. Public Relations Officer of the command, Mr Bassey Hogan, told our correspondent that the police have contained the clash by rival cult groups in the popular Etim Edem Park near the Atakpa police station in Watt market which left at least one person dead. There was a violent clash between two cult groups which left the neighbourhood of Bedwell Street, the park itself, the adjoining streets, including Nelson Mandela, Garden street and the market deserted for two days. A witness, who is a shop attendant at the Etim Edem Park, Miss Rosemary Akpan, told our correspondent that trouble started when a popular park official challenged a 'notable area boy' in the area, and the boy was stabbed.

“This led to invasion of the park by some gangsters said to belong to the Bayside Boys group”, she said.