



## Deputy Clerk of Bayelsa House of Assembly killed

From Chris Eze, Yenagoa

The Deputy Clerk of Bayelsa State House of Assembly, Mr Nimine Jeffery, has been killed, the state police command confirmed last night.

The spokesman of the command, Mr. Butswat Asinim told newsmen in Yenagoa yesterday that full investigation into the matter has commenced.

He said: "It was a stray bullet that killed the deceased during a gang battle in the area; the incident occurred on Sunday night, April 19.

"The victim was hit by a stray bullet during a shoot-out between rival cult gangs; so, we are currently combing the area and the culprits will be brought to book.

An eyewitness, who spoke on ground of anonymity said that the deceased was shot on the forehead at close range by suspected cultists.

"The deceased was shot dead when the machete and gun-wielding youths stormed the street to launch a reprisal attack on a rival cult group.

"When the cultists discovered that their rival cult members had fled the area before they arrived, they started looting shops and attacking unsuspecting residents.

"The man that was murdered was in his house when the cultist raided his wife's shop.

"It was her cry for help that drew the attention of her husband who rushed to the shop, only for the armed youths shoot him at close range", he said.



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