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One person reportedly lost his life yesterday when two rival cult groups clashed in Ubima Community, the home town of Minister of Transport Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi.

The community has been embroiled in cult-related crisis with two rival cult groups of Degbam and Icelanders unleashing terror on the residents.

Our reporter learnt that the victim whose name was given as Onyekeozuru (a.k.a Juju) was killed when the two rival groups clashed.

A source from the community who did not want his name to be mentioned for security reasons, said the deceased had been warned off the incident that led to his death. "At the time he left Degbam to Iceland he did not have the goodwill to enter Degbam territory, but he insisted on going to greet his in-law. They gave him another warning before he was killed," the source said.

The State police Command could not confirm the story at press time. In a similar development, the Police in Delta State have arrested one Junior Benson for killing one Atabure Agbogho, aged 23 years in a rival cult clash.

Atabure Agbogho was stabbed in his neck by Junior Benson in a cult fight along Ovie Palace road Effurun on December 30, 2015.

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Although the victim was rushed to Ekpan General Hospital for treatment, he passed on shortly due to much bleeding, his elder brother Ejiro Atabure who reported the case to the police said.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Celestina Kalu said, preliminary inquiries revealed that the fight was between two rival cult groups in the area.

Meanwhile, the suspect has been arrested and the victim's corpse deposited at Ekpan General Hospital mortuary.

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