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# Cult war claims 5 in Calabar

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Five young men are believed to have been brutally killed in parts of Calabar in a rival cult war between Wednesday and Thursday.

The violent clash has been on since two months ago when many suspected cult group members lost their lives.

Three of such gang members were butchered at Akim/Eta Agbor Road and two on Richard Henshaw by Edibe Edibe Road in broad daylight.

The latest killing was said to be a retaliation by two nocturnal gang groups. Vikings and Moffuat are reported to be at daggers drawn. Meanwhile, another cult group said to have superiority is the Bayside Boys in the Old Calabar. They are said to be terrorising the area. In the last few weeks too, there has been resurgence of armed robbery incidents in the Mbukpa/Ambo/Ibesikpo and Ekpo Abasi neighbourhoods where residents have been killed and properties stolen.

Mr Jude Ngaji, state security adviser to Gov Ben Ayade, said operatives of the state security outfit, Operation Skolombo, had re-strategized to contain the high wave of cult war in the state.