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2 killed in fresh cult clashes in Calabar

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Reprisal killings have resumed in Calabar, capital of Cross River State, by suspected cult members leading to general fear in residents of Calabar South.

Early Wednesday morning, at least two young men are said to have been killed by rampaging youths suspected to be members of some cult groups.

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On Tuesday evening, as President Muhammadu Buhari concluded his one-day working visit to the state, a young trader known simply as Eyo was hacked down with axes, leading to stampede amongst market women and passersby.

He was said to be one of the traders at the popular Watt market while others suspected that he might have been a member of some clandestine groups otherwise they would not have come to him.

On Wednesday morning, in what sources said might be a reprisal attack, another young man was attacked with machetes leading to his death.

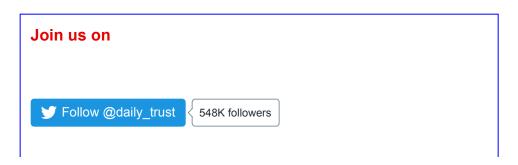
The same gang was said to have freely brandished their weapons such as pistols and machetes as they ran through Ambo and Ibesikpo streets, causing residents to scamper into their homes.

Many residents and business people are reported to be relocating to nearby Akwa Ibom State.

Reacting, a governorship aspirant and former attorney general of the state, Mr Ekpo Eyo, said the heightened insecurity in the state has become intolerable. He blamed the commissioner of police, Hafiz Mohammed Inuwa, for inviting some 'senior cult leaders' to plead that they should calm down instead of clamping down on them.

However, Inuwa said they have arrested many cult members, explaining that he had to hold the meeting as a way of identifying their leaders to be able to curb their excesses and bring peace to the state.

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