Cultists kill 3 in Imo community

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Three persons were Sunday night killed in the Mechanic village of Owerri in a bloody clash between rival cult groups.

The victims, who were killed with machetes and other dangerous weapons, were said to be members of the Aiye confraternity.

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Over 15 persons, including students in one of the higher institutions in the state, had been reportedly killed in cult-related clashes in the state in the last one month.

According to an eyewitness, the rampaging cultists invaded the community around 12:30am and laid ambush for their targets who were returning from an outing.

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The source said that the cultists were armed with machetes, clubs and other dangerous weapons.

He disclosed that apart from those, killed several other people, who tried to rescue the victims, sustained injuries.

Meanwhile, residents of Mechanic Village, one of the satellite towns around Owerri, have lamented the rate of cull-related killings in the community.

They appealed to the security agencies to track down the rampaging cultists who they said had turned their lives into nightmare.

When contacted, the state's Police Public Relations Officer, Orlando Ikeokwu, said that he had not been officially briefed about the incident.