

4 killed in Plateau, Edo cult clashes

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No fewer than two students of the University of Jos were killed in a clash between members of two cult groups in the White House Hostel.

White House Hostel, an off-campus hostel, is located opposite New Legislative Quarters, along Bauchi Ring Road, in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The victims were identified as Jakob Kefers, a 100 level student of the Admin and Planning Department and Gideon Chongtami, who had already graduated from the Theatre Art Department of the institution.

Daily Trust gathered that the incident occurred around 10: pm on Monday when residents of the area

went to sleep.

A vigilante in the area told Daily Trust that the incident occurred when a rival group embarked on a reprisal attack on some members of another group who resided in the said hostel.

The vigilante added that one of the corpses was deposited at the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH) while the other one was deposited at Bingham Teaching Hospital, Jos, by the police.

When contacted, the spokesman for the State Police Command, Ubah Gabriel, confirmed the incident.

In the same vein, two persons were reportedly killed in a renewed cult clash between two cult groups in Benin City, the Edo State capital.

It was gathered that the

rivalry between the cult groups began on Saturday following the killing of one Ogbomo, allegedly carried out by rival group.

Ogbomo was said to have been killed by a four-man gang at about 4 pm along Esigie Street, 3rd Circular Road, Benin on Saturday.

It was learnt that the rival group angered by the killing of Ogbomo, on Monday afternoon, retaliated with another killing.

On the Monday killing, it was gathered that the gang allegedly waylaid a commercial bus driver along 3rd Circular road by Esigie junction and shot him dead.

When contacted, the Edo State Police Public Relations Officer, Kotongs Bello, said he was not aware of the development.