

# 2 killed in Benue cult clash

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A clash between rival cult groups in the rural town of Naka, headquarters of Gwer West Local Government Area of Benue State, has resulted in the deaths of two individuals.

According to residents, the clash erupted on Wednesday afternoon, after a disagreement among the rival cultists, and disrupted the peaceful atmosphere of Naka.

Henry Agba, the Council Chairman of Gwer West LGA, confirmed to our correspondent via telephone that two individuals from opposing cult groups lost their lives during the altercation.

To restore order to the area, Agba declared a dusk-to-dawn curfew in the local government, effective from Wednesday until further notice.

"There was a clash between rival cultists in the local government during

which two persons from both sides were killed. In response, we implemented a night curfew to maintain peace and security."

He further explained, "Movement ceased as from 8pm yesterday, and at the moment, peace has been restored, and normalcy prevails."

Efforts to obtain a comment from the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Catherine Anene, were unsuccessful, as calls to her telephone went unanswered.