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Cult Clash Claims 10 Lives, 19 Arrested in Rivers Community



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Clash between two rival cult groups, Dimgba and Greenlanders have claimed no few than 10 lives in Omoku, Ogba/Egbeme /Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The killings, a source from the community told Elendureports usually

occurred in the night, when rival cultists target those from the opposing groups with guns, axe or knife to hack them to death.

He said that the situation which injected fears in the minds of many had left at least ten persons all youths dead in the last eight days, noting that that over six local cult groups operates in Omoku, the headquarters of Ogba/Egbeme/Ndoni area.

Another resident of Omoku who pleaded anonymity said since the resumption of hostility among the cult groups Omoku have been a ghost of itself as social and economic activities have been paralyzed.

“Eight persons were killed as at Wednesday, before the brutal killing of another two on old Oba road Omoku on June 27, 2012,” the source said.

He added that it was as a result of the latest killing that prompted government to send JTF officials to the area.

“The senseless killing and attack by the cultists, resulted to sending of combined team of military and anti-riot policemen

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under the umbrella of JTF to raid Omoku about noon on June 28, 2012.

“The raid by the JTF has inflicted more pains than relief to many in Omoku, because the security men were extremely cruel and merciless on everybody sighted in the area.

“Market traders and residents were tortured, beaten and brutally manhandled. The cruel security operatives did not spare owners of hospitality outfits and their guests,” the source claim.

Another resident who corroborated the story added that fears now engulfed Omoku residents since the sustained operations by the JTF which according to the source lasted more than four hours on June 28.

“Some residents have fled and those wounded by the security taking treatments at private hospitals in some adjoining communities.

An hotelier, who simply identified himself as Mr Livinus appealed to Governor Chibuike Amaechi to intervene, to prevent more harm on innocent people as well as damaging and looting of their property by the security.

When contacted, Public Relations Officer of JTF, Capt. Sunday Samuel confirmed the deployment of combined military and policemen to Omoku, noting that the deployment resulted from incessant cult-related killings reported in the area.

Samuel added that 19 suspects were arrested during the raid, noting, after interrogation JTF will hand the suspects to police for prosecution.

He warned those involved in the act to either stop such sense behaviour and been arrested and prosecuted by the soldiers.

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