

Two feared dead in Rivers' cult clashes

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TWO persons were feared dead in two separate cult clashes that occurred at the Rivers State University of Science and Technology (RUST), Nkpolu Orowuloko and Amadi-Ama, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Witnesses of yesterday's killing disclosed to *The Guardian* that three persons suspected to be students walked into a class at the RUST and excused a 300 level student of the Department of Business Administration.

The student without resistance was said to have followed the three out and after a brief discussion he was shot at a very close range. The echo of the gunshots caused both students and officials of the university to scamper for safety.

Amid the pandemonium that ensued, the gun-wielding students quickly disappeared to avoid being traced. The motive for yesterday's killing remains unknown.

Similarly, a fierce clash between two rival gangs claimed the life of one person at Amadi-Ama in Port Harcourt late on Sunday night. One of the cult groups suspected to be the Icelanders was said to have carried out a reprisal attack to avenge the death of their colleague.

The Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Ireju Barasau, who confirmed the killings, said policemen had been deployed to the two areas to restore calm.