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Blood Bath In Calabar As 10 Persons Are Beheaded In Cult War

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WEEKS of the introduction of the red flags by the Cross River State Government, over 10 persons have been beheaded in Calabar, the state capital, within two weeks of cult war. Before now, there were occasional killings, but the strange beheading of victims was unusual and some persons have associated the killings and kidnappings to the introduction of the red flag, which seem to be promoting bloodshed and cultism. The new red flag, symbolising 'Spirit of Enterprise,' was introduced by Governor Ben Ayade, replacing the old state flag of 'Destination Cross River,' which was blue-white-blue.

The carnival routes and major roundabouts in

Calabar are well designed with the red flag and the governor's pictures side by side. Last week, a suspected cult member was killed and beheaded at Wilki, near White House Street, and few days later, another was also killed at a domestic gas station in the same area. Again, two others were beheaded at Atimbo and Ephraim streets, as rival cult groups continue to mow down one another in attacks and reprisal attacks. Last Monday, a suspected cult person was beheaded at Iboku Street, and another person was shot and beheaded on Tuesday night by suspected rival cult gang at Edem Edet Street in Calabar South Council.

An eyewitness, who pleaded anonymity, narrated: "Some

minutes ago, I was on Palm Street by Abasi Edem, suddenly I saw a young boy running fast with his eyes wide with fear. I knew instantly that something was wrong.

"Coming closely some metres behind him were gun men on a keke. There were about five in number, two were inside the keke, while were three on foot. Some had machetes, one had what looked like an AK47, while the other had a pistol.

"As the boy whizzed past me, the one with the pistol released a shot. The boy kept running and for obvious reasons, I couldn't stop. What really is our Canaan City turning to?

"It is so sad that our once peaceful state is now a place of fear and blood bath and those in authorities are just

watching. How many more souls will be wasted? May God help us."

Some persons have wondered how the blue-white-blue colour would be replaced with a red one, but top government officials have said that the red flag of 'Spirit of Enterprise' was not going to replace the old flag, but just a symbol of enterprise to showcase the industrialisation drive of the state and the people.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, Irene Ugbo, confirmed the killings, explaining that they were related to the cult war.

Ugbo said: "We are aware of the killings; the clash is between Klans and Black Axe. Nobody has been arrested, but the Police are on the train of the killers."