

Delta youth leader killed in cultists, vigilantes clash

From Monday Osayande, Asaba

YOUTH leader in Bomadi, Paddy Ekrika, has been reportedly shot dead as suspected cultists and local vigilantes fought in Bomadi council of Delta State.

Following the death, a dusk to dawn curfew has been imposed on the community, even as the Bomadi Division of the JTF, the Nigerian Police Force and other security agencies were put on the alert to douse tension.

The Guardian learnt Local Government Vigilante on Saturday stormed a joint at Bomadi-overside community for operations, and everybody fled the scene but Paddy Ekrika stood behind.

According to sources, the vigilantes then interrogated the deceased, but suddenly one of the vigilante members shot into the air twice before he shot at the boy.

After the shooting, the boy was rushed to Our Saviour's Hospital, Bomadi-Overside but he died before any medication.

As soon as the news of his death broke, it was gathered some youths of Bomadi town, led by Ebi Gadafi, went on the rampage, destroying and burning down property in the community, including the residence of the vigilante that allegedly killed the boy. The community hall and others were also torched.