

Suspected Cultists Kill Four In Rivers

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IBAA community in Emohua council of Rivers State was thrown in disarray on Friday as suspected cult group gunned down four members of a rival faction in the wee hours of yesterday.

It was gathered that the two conflicting gangs also belonged to two separate disbanded local vigilante groups known as OSPAC in the community.

An indigene of the community, who craved anonymity, disclosed that trouble ensued when the groups clashed over who would be in charge of collecting

levy in the council.

The source said: "The killing may not be unconnected to battle for control of illegal levy known as 'matching ground' between the two factions of 'disbanded' OSPAC whose members are alleged to be cultists.

"So far, at least, four people are feared dead."

The Guardian learned that some indigenes have started leaving the community as of 8am on Friday for fear of escalation of violence.

However, it will be recalled that one person said to be of one of the factions of OSPAC was killed in Ibaa community in February.