

Gunmen kill vigilante, ex-members in Port Harcourt

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TENSION is brewing in Diobu axis of Port Harcourt, Rivers State, as gunmen suspected to be cultists on Saturday, April 6, shot dead one Uche Orukwo, a member of Diobu vigilante at Obidanso waterfront, Mile 1 Diobu.

The Guardian learnt that members of the vigilante group in company of Police acting on information stormed the waterfront at about 9:00 pm on Saturday where suspected cultists were hibernating to launch an attack on a rival group in an ongoing war between two houses of suspected Deygbam cult groups.

Sources disclosed that the suspected cultists on sighting the security

operatives, opened fire and bullets caught the vigilante member, known as Orukwo, which resulted in his death.

Confirming the development yesterday, spokesperson for Rivers State Police Command, SP Grace Iringe-Koko, said investigation is ongoing to apprehend the perpetrators.

In a similar incident, it was gathered that gunmen suspected to be cultists shot dead one 'Umo' an ex-vigilante member, at about 11:10p.m. on Saturday night at Kaduna street D-line, Port Harcourt.

The deceased was alleged to be a member of a cult group, and was sacked from the vigilante group over criminal activities.

Sources said his death is not unconnected to an attack by a rival cult group.