

# NDLEA Official, Seven Students Killed In Cult Clash

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Eight people including an operative of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLA) were killed on Tuesday as two rival student cult groups clashed at the Ambrose Alli University (AAU),

Ekpoma, Edo State.

The cult groups are the Eiye Confraternity and the Neo-Black Movement also known as Black-Axe.

The state Police Commissioner, Hassan Bala, confirmed the incident. He said five people have been arrested while the police

are now trailing others involved in the clash.

It was learnt that the NDLEA official was in the company of three other operatives when he was shot in the head.

They were in the institution to arrest a student said to be a dealer in Indian hemp when the assailants believed to be the

student's fellow cult members struck.

Seven students were killed later in a fierce fighting between the rival cults as one group was accused of inviting the NDLEA officials.

Bala said he had deployed three units of the police mo-

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bile force to the university town to restore normalcy.

Despite police deployment, many students fled the area on Tuesday for fear of fresh attacks.

The police boss also hinted that those injured in the mayhem have been taken to hospital for medical attention while frantic efforts are going on to contain any further breach of the peace.

He said those arrested are students. He, however, did not reveal the identity of the NDLEA operative killed by the cult members.