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Enugu metropolis is under siege from cult members who have continued to slaughter one another for three days running

No fewer than 16 have been gunned down by rival gangs, thus generating tension in the coal city.

A suspected cult member whose identity could not be ascertained was shot in front of the French Centre in the Ogui New Layout area on Monday.

The victim, who was travelling in a commercial bus, was trailed by his assailants who conveyed themselves in a Mercedes Benz car and on a motorcycle.

The attackers flagged down the bus and shot the man six times on the head as scared bystanders scampered for safety.

They scurried off after shooting the victim, whose corpse lay on the spot for over an hour before a police patrol team took it away.

A similar incident occurred in New Haven earlier on the same day. More killings have been recorded in New Haven, Abakpa, Emene, G.R.A., Independence Layout, and other parts of the metropolis since the hostilities started.

Two rival cults, Vikings and Black Berets (BB), in Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT) and Institute of Management and Technology (IMT) are said to be behind this surge in violent deaths. It was learnt that the latest killings are spill overs from last year's clashes between the gangs in the institutions, whose authorities are worried by the scenes that have created fear in nearly every one. Police Public Relations Officer, Mike Abattam, could not be reached on the telephone to comment.



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