

Cult wars claim PDP youth leader, 14 others at IMT, AAU

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A RESURGENCE of cult violence in Enugu has claimed seven lives, including that of a youth leader of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), King Ngene.

Ngene, who is the PDP youth leader in Enugu South Local Government area, was reportedly shot dead in his home at Amiechi Awkunanaw, a suburb of Enugu metropolis on Wednesday night.

This is hapening just as eight

other persons have been reported killed in a clash between rival cult groups at the Ambrose Alli University (AAU), Ekpoma, Edo State.

Gunmen suspected to be cultists allegedly trailed Ngene to Amechi around 8.00 p.m., forced their way into his home and shot him at very close range.

The PDP youth leader died on the spot.

Earlier in the day, suspected cultists had killed Uzuagu Henry, a student of Department of Mass Communication, Institute of Management and Technology (IMT), Enugu.

In broad daylight, suspected cultists allegedly trailed Henry to IMT Campus 3, where they shot him at close range.

The incident reportedly forced students and lecturers to abandon campus and flee for their dear lives.

Normalcy was yet to return to campus when the correspondent visited IMT on Thursday afternoon.

Some sources in the institution said the Black Axe and 'BB Confraternity' were responsible for the violence.

At press time on Thursday, the death toll was put at seven but our correspondent could not as-

certain the identity of the victims and the spot they were killed.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in Enugu, Ebere Amaraizu, who spoke on telephone, confirmed the fresh outbreak of cult violence in the metropolis and suburbs.

Amaraizu said information available to the police revealed that Ngene was a student of IMT, adding that the attack on him could have been a reprisal one by a rival cult group over the killing of Uzuagu at IMT.

Edo State Police Command confirmed three dead with several others seriously injured in the AAU cult war.