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## Cult clash claims two in Rivers

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**A bloody** cult clash between two rival groups at Ebubu in Eleme local government area of Rivers State has claimed at least two lives and left many others wounded.

The crisis, according to witnesses, started on Sunday night with the cultists shooting sporadically and stray bullets reportedly killed at least two persons.

Confirming the incident, the chairman of the local government area, Orji Ngofa, said in a telephone interview that only one person was killed in the shoot-out.

“Yes there was a shoot-out between two rival cult groups and I can confirm to you that only one person was killed in the incident”, he said.

Ngofa explained that the situation was “immediately” brought to normalcy when the security agents were deployed to the scene of the incident.

When our reporter visited the Eleme Council secretariat at about 11 am on Tuesday, a team of armed policemen was seen at the secretariat decked in bulletproof vests.

It will be recalled that there has been a public outcry over the continuous stay of the state Police Commissioner, Mbu Joseph Mbu, who has been accused by the state government as the architect of the recent rising wave of crime in the state.

Following the recent sack of the immediate past police public relations officer, Mrs. Angela Agabe, over what many people described as her blunder on the release of the Archbishop of the Anglican Communion from his adopters, Mbu has been accused of “compromising” the security situation in the state.

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