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Three undergraduates feared killed in Bayelsa cult clash



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Three undergraduates were feared killed following a bloody clash between two cult groups at the Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Amassoma, Bayelsa State.

Daily Independent gathered that the clash between AY and Vagas cult gangs claimed the lives of a 300-level engineering student, and two final-year students.

The alleged killings were said to have taken place before and during the school's semester examinations which ended last week.

Sources said the unidentified 300-level student was inflicted with deep machete cuts by the cultists.

He was said to have died in a private hospital at Amassoma in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of the state where he was rushed to in the pool of his blood.

A student who spoke under the condition of anonymity, alleged that a final-year male student was also killed by

a group of cultists who stormed the examination hall of the state-owned university.

"The finalist was in the hall writing exams when the cultists, about eight in number, stormed the hall and shot him dead. They escaped after shooting sporadically into the air to scare other students," he said.

It was further learnt that the third victim, a lady, was also a final-year student, was allegedly killed by a cult group prior to commencement of exams last two weeks.

It was gathered that the school authorities, as part of the measures to tackle cult activities in the school, had beefed up security.

Efforts to get the school authorities to respond to the sad development did not yield results.

The public relations officer of the NDU, Indoni Ingezi, could not be reached for comments as his mobile handset was switched off when contacted by our correspondent on Monday.

The police authorties claimed they did not have record of any killing in the university.

Commissioner of Police, Bayelsa Police Command, Hilary Opara, said although there were cult clash in the school, no life was lost.

According to him, the only sad incident was that a student was inflicted with machete cuts but did not die.

"It is not true, not even one person died. There was some cult activity and during the process one of them was inflicted with machete cuts. The victim did not die.

"We are investigating the matter. As I speak to you, five cultists have been arrested. Others are still on the run", Opara said.

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