

## 43 Feared Killed As Cult Group Clash Escalates In Edo

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**THERE** seems to be no end in sight to the killing spree in Edo State; arising from the three weeks old clash between rival cult groups which has claimed no fewer than 43 lives in the state.

Reports had it that trouble had started for the cultists (who often as individuals mobilize support for some political parties) after a disagreement at a polling centre during the April 11, Assembly election in Benin City.

A member of Maphite confraternity was said to have been beaten to death in the ensuing fracas. It was also gathered that the incident afterwards spread to town as members of the group (Maphite) vowed to avenge the "assault on their member".

The clash however took a worrisome dimension last Saturday after members of another rival group, (black axe) allegedly killed a member of Eiyé confraternity over "unresolved disagreement".

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