

Anambra Community Cult War: 10 Killed, 32 Arrested

.Adamawa Records 434 Cholera Cases With 13 Deaths

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Awka – After few months of respite from cultists in Obosi in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State, the community again regained its infamy at the weekend when over 10 cult members lost their lives in a cult fight.

DAILY INDEPENDENT learnt that the cult fight was between Baga and Aiye, whose members engaged themselves in a gun battle leading to the death of 10 suspected cultists and arrest of 32 of them.

It was learnt that trouble started when a bereaved family of a suspected Baga cultist had concluded arrangement to hold a funeral ceremony for their son who was allegedly shot dead by a rival Aiye group member.

DAILY INDEPENDENT gathered that a day to the said funeral ceremony of the dead Baga member his colleagues went for retaliation and vowed to kill at least 12 members of Aiye.

It was learnt that their revenge began at Nkpor, where the alleged killer of the Baga member hails from.

They allegedly shot dead three Aiye members there and seven at Obosi where they met strong resistance from Aiye members.

The members reportedly went berserk as they began to rob people.

An eyewitness, Chief Dan Igbokwubili, who hails from Obosi said, "More than 10 cultists were shot dead when two cultist groups had a bloody shoot out a day to the burial of a suspected Baga member here in Obosi".

He added that 32 suspected cultists including a girl were arrested and pleaded that the “government should do something because the issue of cultism in this community has become a nightmare to the residents”.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Obosi Police Division, Usman Ibrahim, however, said only four died and six that included a girl were arrested.

Ibrahim said that investigation was on going, adding that the case has been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Awka, for further investigation.

It would be recalled that on Sunday, May 20, in Awka, Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State, cult members killed about 15 persons during the Imo Awka annual cultural celebration.

Meanwhile, the Adamawa Ministry of Health has confirmed that the cases of cholera outbreak in Mubi have risen to 434 with 13 deaths.

The Information Officer of the Ministry, Abubakar Muhammed, confirmed the number, via a statement he issued on Sunday in Yola.

The statement reads, “Total number of cases reported from Mubi North and Mubi South local government areas as at 26th May, 2018 stand at 434 cases with 13 deaths.

“While the case fatality rate (CFR) is 3.0 percent; Mubi North has 211 cases and 7 deaths equivalent to 3.3 percent case fatality rate.

“Mubi South has 223 cases with 6 deaths and case fatality rate is 2.7 percent.”

The Principal Medical Officer of Mubi General Hospital, Dr. Ezra Sakawa, however said that most of the infected patients have been treated and discharged.

It would be recalled that Mubi was hit by cholera outbreaks two weeks ago, a development expert linked to contaminated water.

About 90 percent of Mubi residents obtain their water from water vendors, who source water from boreholes meant for irrigation along the banks of River Yedzaram.