

Four Dies As Aye, Baga Secret Cults Members Clash In Delta

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Ughelli – At least four persons have been confirmed dead in Ovwian Community in Udu Local Government Area of Delta State, following clashes between members of *Aye* and *Baga* Secret Cult groups.

Sources within the area told INDEPENDENT that the clashes were not unconnected with the recent changes of leadership of the Express Junction Bus Unit of the National Union of Road Transport Workers in Ovwian.

It was gathered that the current leadership of the Express Bus Unit Park had most of the *Aye* cult members as loyalists who were always seen at the Park. This was said to have angered members of the *Baga* Secret Cult group who regard the whole of the Express Junction as their territory and attacked members of the *Aye* group who are already on ground on Monday night leaving one Mr. Maro Muhwen, alleged to be a member of *Aye* Secret Cult, dead.

In order to ensure that the *Aye* boys leave their territory, members of the *Baga* Secret Cult group mobilized as early as 6am on Tuesday morning but were overpowered by members of the *Aye* Secret Cult group who were already on ground as at 5am, leaving three unidentified members of the *Baga* Secret Cult group dead.

When contacted, Chairman of Udu Local Government Council, Chief Jite Brown, confirmed the death of the four persons, saying it was a clash between two secret cult groups as it has nothing to do with Motor Park issues.

According to him, "It was a coincidence that they usually carry out their dastardly acts at the Motor Park. The Park has been handed over to Comrade Elvis Kporo since February, 2018 and this is June, 2018, so it is not possible that the killings were because of Motor Park leadership changes".

Comrade Mike Niboro, Chairman of Mofor Motor Park and former chairman of Express Junction Bus Unit, who was alleged to have mobilized boys to the Express Junction Bus Unit, denied the allegation, saying "Comrade Elvis Kporo, the current handler of the Express Junction Bus Unit is my boss, there is no way I will mobilize boys in a bid to take over the garage. What led to the killings was a clash between two secret cult groups".

On his part, Comrade Elvis Kporo told INDEPENDENT that the clash was between members of Aye and *Baga* Secret Cults and that it has nothing to do with garage issues.

He said, "It was a coincidence that the clash happened in the garage that he is managing. Before I took over the garage, I and Comrade Mike Niboro sat and we agreed on a peaceful transition. And we have been operating since February to date".

Sources who don't want their names in print told INDEPENDENT that the recent clash between the two secret cults was initiated by a late unidentified *Yahoo Plus* boy who belongs to *Baga* Secret Cult.

The sources said about two months ago, the late Yahoo Plus boy had summoned all members of his Secret Cult (*Baga*) and promised to pay any of them who could kill any member of Aye Secret Cult N100,000 each.

"After the promise, the hungry *Baga* Secret Cult members went on rampage, killing several Aye Secret Cult members, in retaliation the Aye Secret Cult boys killed the said Yahoo Plus boy alongside two of his friends at Cross and Stop Junction, Ekeke Inland.

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