

Cult War Claims Three More In Benin

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The cult killings in Edo State continued on Wednesday unabated as corpses of no fewer than three persons were allegedly picked up in three different locations in the early hours of the day in Benin city, the Edo state capital.

While confirming the report, Edo State Police Command said one of the victims a 19-year-old Godspower Edozor, was killed at Omozeghi-am street, off Okhoro road, in the early hours of Wednesday while the others two were killed at different locations Upper Sakpoba Area.

It would be recalled that no fewer than three persons were killed in a renewed cult clash on Tuesday night and early hours of Wednesday.

There was also John Terry, whose head was smashed with a stone by his assailants.

Speaking to journalists on the development, the Command's spokesman, Chidi Nwabuzor, said several arrests have been made in connection with the killings.

He however did not spec-

ify the number of persons in police custody.

"Killings from clashes by rival cult groups have continued unabated in Edo state. The renewed clashes between the cult groups have claimed several lives, the police is aware of it and adequate security measures have been put in place.

"Just yesterday, there was a joint security raid of criminal hideouts and black spots. These raids are geared towards making the state free of cult killings.

"So far, we've recorded incidents where lives were lost. One was at a Hotel, around Upper Sakponba.

"And this morning, we heard of a boy of 19-years-old who was killed around Okhoro area. Several deaths have been recorded, but I can't give you the exact number now," Nwabuzor said.

He however said the command is ready to deal with individual or group of individuals that will truncate the peace and tranquility being enjoyed in the state.

He however called for useful information from members of the public that will lead to the arrest of the hoodlums.