

Cult Clash Claims Four Lives In Two Delta Communities

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Gunmen suspected to be cultists have reportedly shot a man identified simply as Tuoyo, and three other persons dead in Ekurede Itsekiri and Egbokodo, communities near Ubeji, both in Warri South Local Government Area Of Delta State.

Daily Independent gathered that the incident occurred on Wednesday evening.

Sources said, "One of the victims was killed in Ekurede Itsekiri com-

munity, and the other three were also shot in Egbokodo community Thursday evening in a suspected cult clash.

"The victim shot in Egbokodo is identified simply as Tuoyo, while the others (numbering three) were reportedly a youth leader in Ekurede community."

On his part, the immediate past chairman of Warri South Local Government Area of the State, Dr. Michael Tidi, called on the community leaders and stakeholders across the local government area to put a stop to the cult related issues by joining in the fight against the vice.

In a statement made available to journalists in Warri, Tidi condemned the regular rate of cult-related killings in the council area.

"Killings must stop, stakeholders come and volunteer information to security agencies on the whereabouts of these suspected cultists.

"These cult killings are getting too much. Somebody was killed in Merogun on Monday

"This evening (Wednesday) one person was shot at Ekurede Itsekiri community. I was told he was the Secretary of the youth leadership

of that community.

"Again, about forty minutes ago, three persons were gunned down at Egbokodo axis in Ubeji, Warri South.

"I want to call on the community leaders and all stakeholders to volunteer information to the security agencies about these criminals in their community. They should rid their communities of these bad eggs because the police and the army are not spirits. They need information to be able to do their work because they do not reside in these communities," he said.