

Cultists' Supremacy Battle Claims Innocent Taxi Driver's Life In Rivers

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PORT HARCOURT – Supremacy battle between rival cult groups has claimed that he life of an innocent taxi driver around Echue, Illabouchi axis of Mile 2 Diobu, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The driver whose identity is yet to be ascertained lost his life on Sunday night after a bullet hit him during a gun battle between members of Blood Star (BS) and December 12 (D12) houses of Deygbam confraternity,

The yet to be identified driver who died on the spot after being shot, was later evacuated by Police operatives from Azikiwe Police Division and taken to the station.

The shootout by the rival cult groups forced business owners and traders to scamper to safety leaving behind their valuables as the rampaging hoodlums also robbed passersby and shop owners.

Our correspondent who visited the area observed that shops were open for business as the environment was calm defying the palpable apprehension.

Meanwhile a resident who preferred anonymity, said that gunshots rang out all through Sunday night from 9pm till dawn.

The resident called on the security agencies to quickly intervene and nip the crisis in the bud to avoid further loss of lives.

He said, “We heard gun shots from around 9pm till this morning, most of us living here didn’t sleep well, it was this morning that we heard that one taxi driver was killed in the night.

“I am calling on the Police to quickly intervene in this matter and restore peace in this area, so that more people would not be killed.”

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer of the Rivers State Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, a superintendent of Police, confirmed the incident, adding that investigation was ongoing.