

Cult Clash Claims 7 In Delta

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A renewed cult clash among rival cult groups in Obiaruku, Ukwani local government area of Delta State, yesterday claimed seven lives and left several others severely injured.

Sources said trouble started when the girlfriend of a member of one of the cult groups discontinued her relationship with him and began dating a member of a rival cult group in the same community.

The ex-boyfriend of the girl, who allegedly got wind of her escapades with a member of a rival cult group, mobilised his members and went to the house of the suspected rival where they were both locked in a fierce fight.

The rival cult was said to have launched a reprisal attack which left seven people dead.

The police spokesman in the state, ASP Lucky Uyabeme, who confirmed the development, said four persons were arrested on

the spot while the police had launched a manhunt for leaders of the cult groups.

Meanwhile, the girl (name withheld, in whose interest the fight broke out, was said to have gone into hiding as attempts made by the warring groups to sniff life out of her failed.

According to ASP Uyabeme, the bodies of the suspected cultists have been deposited at the mortuary of the Obiaruku Central Hospital.