

Renewed Cult Clash Claims 6 In Delta Community

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At least, six persons have been certified dead, following renewed cult clashes in Ika south local government area of Delta State. The clashes, which shattered the fragile peace enjoyed by members of the community, re-ensued when two cult groups engaged each other in the fight for supremacy yesterday.

LEADERSHIP FRIDAY reliably gathered that a member of one of the warring gangs was killed along Barake Street, two at Iregwa Street and three others at Agbor-Obi area of the town; an occurrence which heightened tension in the area and the streets to be deserted.

However, the police spokesperson in the state, DSP, Charles Muka, disclosed that the situation has since been brought under control and that a man-hunt for the cult leaders had begun, so as to bring them to book.

Muka also revealed that besides occasional patrols by men of the Joint Task Force, plainclothes policemen have been drafted to the nooks and crannies of the community to arrest any suspicious movement or character (s).

While condemning the action of the cults, Muka, however, appealed to the residents of the area not to take laws into their hands, as police was "on top of the situation to fish out those involved and bring them to justice as soon as possible".

LEADERSHIP FRIDAY understands that in the course of the past few weeks, there have been cold-blooded killings by un-identified gunmen and mysterious deaths of men who were alleged to have made love to married women.

Woman, 19, Remanded