

# Four feared killed in cult clashes

**A**BOUT four persons were feared killed in a fresh crisis that erupted over the weekend in Bodo city, Gokana Local Government Area of Rivers state between the "Dey Gbam" and "Dey Well" cult groups.

The crisis began in April this year over the tussle for political supremacy between the legislator repre-

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sending the area in the state House of Assembly, Hon Gabriel Pidomson and the Commissioner for Finance, Mr Kenneth Kobani.

Since then, the two groups have been testing their strength, thereby disturbing the peace of the place.

The weekend crisis,

which started Sunday night "is still for the same old reason of power struggle between the two political leaders in the area," *The Nation* learnt.

At the time of this report, about four persons were confirmed dead by eyewitnesses even as the crisis continued to rage.

But the Police spokesperson in the state Mrs Ireju

Barasua, who confirmed it said she has not received details of the casualties yet.

The frequent outbreak of clashes between the two cult groups led to the arrest of Kobani and Pidomson on August 17 by the State Security Service (SSS).

When a search was conducted in the homes of the two men in both Port Harcourt and Gokana, some documents and

materials were allegedly recovered which led to their being detained for several weeks.

The two men were released last week, bringing relief to residents of the area who thought their stint in cell would make their loyalists sheath their swords. But the latest fight has proved that the supporters are unrelenting.

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