

Four killed in Delta varsity cult clash

•Students flee campus

STUDENTS and other residents have deserted the university town of Abraka, in Ethiopia East Local Government Area of Delta State following a violent clash among rival cultists that have left four persons killed.

Similarly, it was gathered that about 20 students, including girls suspected cult members have been arrested by the police in connection with the recent violent cult clash in the university.

Trouble broke out between secret cult members of the notorious Maphite and Black Axe of the Delta State University campus during the week.

Suspected members of the Black Axe allegedly unleashed violence that led to the death of a suspected member of the Maphite around the Campus 4 area forcing the rival cult to carry reprisal killings.

The clash further led to the death of two students, whose identities could not be confirmed at press time.

The entire university com-

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munity was like a ghost town on Friday as panicky students had either fled the town or had withdrawn into their various hostel to avoid being caught in the crossfire.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, Delta State Command, Mr. Udom Ekpoudom, deployed detectives from the command's headquarters, Asaba, in the university.

The policemen stormed the campus in a number of vans and vehicles and immediately commence a hostel-to-hostel search for cult members.

Sources told our correspondent that no fewer than 20 students were whisked away to Asaba by the police team.

Attempts to get the Police Public Relations Officer, Olabisi Okuwobi, ASP, to comment on the report proved abortive, as an aide who answered her call said she was not available.