

# Five killed in Bayelsa 'cult clash'

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**F**IVE persons were reportedly killed yesterday in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital, during a clash between suspected cult groups.

The clash occurred at 8pm near the main motor park in the Ekeki area.

Those killed were said to be passersby who were caught in the exchange of fire between the rival cult groups.

Eyewitnesses said one of the rival cultists ambushed the other at the motor park and began shooting. In the melee, passersby in the busy park were hit by bullets.

The police reportedly erected a road block where vehicles and *Okada* riders that passed the place were frisked.

The residents retired into their homes early as a result of the shooting.

Police spokesman, Emokpae Egwavon, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), could not confirm the incident.

He said many people had called him over the shooting, promising that he would get details today.

A similar shooting occurred last Sunday night in a bar near Okutukutu, Yenagoa where five people were killed.