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Nine killed in Rivers' cult clash

Posted by: Precious Dikewoha, Port Harcourt in News 13 hours ago

Nine persons have been killed in Ibaa, Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State, following renewed cult activities in the area.

Police spokesman Ahmad Muhammad confirmed the incident yesterday in a text message to our reporter.

Muhammad said: "Nine people were killed. The suspects are in police custody. My men are there. They visited the community yesterday morning to assess the situation."

Eyewitnesses said there was a supremacy battle among members of Islanders, Dewell and Degbam groups.

A victim's brother, Anthony Davies, said his brother was shot while trying to escape.

"My brother is not a cult member, when we heard gunshots that morning, he was frightened. One of the killers called him by name the next thing I heard was the sound of a gun, he bled for 30 minutes before he died."

A community leader, Francis Woke, said the cult groups resumed their hostility after a cult member was murdered.

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