
One killed, others injured in Warri rival cult clash

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A member of a suspected cult group was killed on Tuesday night in Warri, Delta State, when rival cultists in the oil town.

Although security operatives, including soldiers and policemen from the Warri Area Command, were deployed in the town to restore peace, there were fears last night among the residents that the hoodlums could resume their confrontation.

It was learnt that there had been a long-standing rivalry between the Aye and Outlawz confraternities.

But Tuesday's confrontation reportedly began in the morning at the Warri Cemetery at the interment of a youth who died in a boat mishap near Escravos.

A source, who spoke in confidence, said the deceased was a member of both groups, resulting in the rival gangs attending the funeral.

During the ceremony, a misunderstanding was said to have started, leading to a free-for-all among the rival groups.

This, it was learnt, led to the killing of one person and injury to several others.

The source said: "The number one man in Aye Confraternity was seriously injured in that fight at the cemetery. Later that Tuesday at 9:46pm, another Aye Confraternity member, whose name was given simply as Omoubo, visited his girlfriend somewhere at Igbudu. The problem was that the area is an Outlawz territory.

"The guy was initially afraid of staying there, after he got to his girlfriend's house, but his girlfriend persuaded him that nothing would happen to him, since she's also from the area. But a few minutes later, when he was leaving, some boys from nowhere attacked him, stabbing him in the neck. He tried to run, but it was too late for him. He fell down before he could go far.

"The residents attempted to take him to a hospital, but he had died.

"Injuring Aye Confraternity's leader and the killing of Omoubo resulted in the attack that happened at Igbudu, leading to the burning of houses and cars."

Also, suspected cultists yesterday shut down activities at the busy Warri-Sapele Road.

They set a building ablaze and torched cars and tricycles on the road.

The Commander of the Warri Area Command, Mohammed Muazu, an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), said he had sent his men to restore peace in the area.

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