

lated media publication.
But, reacting, the PDP described the allegations as laughable and wondered how

kidnapping and killings have become rampant.
Cleopas said the allegations were aimed at blackmailing Dickson and pitch him against

previously geared towards diverting the attention of security agencies to their direction as sponsors of these heinous crimes.

and others harped on the need for synergy in order for security of the state to be effective.

Residents flee Rivers community as suspected cultists kill five, abduct two

FIVE persons were reportedly killed and two others abducted on Thursday night when suspected cultists invaded Oduaha community in Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Residents of the community now live in fear, with some who witnessed the incident saying many people have relocated to neighbouring communities.

According to sources, those killed are Chile Wosu,

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Medi Amadi, Chijioke Wosu, Obiee Ordu, and Eloquent Wosu.

One of the youths in the community, Chijioke Wali, told The Nation that suspected Degban cultists invaded the community in what he said looked like a reprisal attack, following the killing of two of their men two months ago in the community.

He said the community is yet to ascertain the real cause of the attack, but noted that the victims were members of Iceland group.

"The ones killed were members of Iceland. The blood-thirsty Degban cult group stormed Oduaha-Emohua community, killing five persons, beheaded two of their victims before taking two away, making the total number of victims affected by the clash seven.

"The residents of Oduaha-Emohua community have been fleeing the community because the rival cult gang have taken up and parading the area in search of their rivals. A similar thing also happened in Ogba-Egbema Ndoni Local Government Area, where four persons were beheaded."

A police source, who pleaded anonymity, said they are not aware of the killings.