

## Three killed in Rivers cult war

THREE persons were feared killed on Friday in a cult war between two cult groups, Icelanders and Degbam, at the Ikoku area of Port Harcourt City Local Government Area of Rivers State.

It was gathered that the fight created tension and anxiety around the popular Ikoku motor parts market.

The two cult groups were

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said to have engaged each other in a battle for supremacy, during which three persons were killed.

It was learnt that the two cult groups had earlier clashed at Diobu area of Port Harcourt on Tuesday.

A source who witnessed the

incident said there was a shoot-out when suspected Degbam cult members attacked some members of Icelanders cult.

The source, who did not want his name mentioned, said that the Icelanders stormed Ikoku in a reprisal attack against Degbam, resulting in the death of the rival group members.

"Some boys, armed with assaulted rifles, opened fire on their target, who were Degbam cult members, at the Ikoku motor parts market area. They killed two Degbam members and one wheel barrow pusher.

"About eight other people were also hit by stray bullets. They were rushed to the hospital, but we have no news

about their condition now."

A trader, simply identified as Ifeanyi, disclosed that the incident crippled business activities in the market.

According to him, a patrol team of the Anti-Cultism and Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the state Police Command later arrived the scene of the incident to restore peace to the area.