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Nine die in Rivers Valentines' day cult war

NINE persons died in a valentine day cult war in Ikata, Upata Kingdom, Ahoada East Local Government Area of Rivers State, the police said yesterday.

A community source said the war was a supremacy fight between members loyal to two factional leaders in Greenland cult group, simply identified as VIP and Ebuka.

• Two arrested

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The source said the war caused panic in the community as residents and businesses closed suddenly and ran for safety.

Police spokesperson Iringe-Koko, who confirmed this, said it

was a supremacy battle between two cult groups. According to her, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Ahoada and the Joint Task Force (JTF) visited the area and destroyed the cult camp.

She said two persons have been arrested in connection to the cult war, adding that investigation was ongoing to arrest fleeing members of the gang.