

Cult war claims 16 lives in Enugu as rival gangs battle for supremacy



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.Police, relatives abandon corpses of fallen gangsters for fear of attack

A clash
between two

rival cult gangs has claimed no fewer than 16 lives across Enugu State, The Nation has learnt.

The clash between Eiye Confraternity and Aro Mate (Baggers) has raised a lot of concerns among residents in the state.

Our correspondent learnt that the killings occurred at Idaw River (Achara Layout) in Enugu South Local Government Area, Abakpa, Emene and Eke-Obinagu in Enugu East Local Government Area, and in the university town of Nsukka, in Nsukka Local Government Area.

Although the immediate cause of the clash could not be ascertained, it was gathered that the killings, which started last week, had yet to abate.

The latest of the killings occurred on Tuesday evening at Abakpa Nike, where a young musician popularly known as Bado was shot dead.

Bado was said to have been killed in front of his shop at Texaco Filling Station, where he also operated a phone accessories shop.

Also on the same Tuesday evening, another man was reportedly shot and killed at Oga Nze Bus Stop, Idaw River.

An alarm from one of the groups in the area warned its members to be careful as the police had taken over the area that night.

The alarm read: “Good evening everyone.

Please info I am receiving now says someone was killed in Oga Nze Side. Police are everywhere now...

Whereever you are pls be careful.”

When our correspondent visited the area Wednesday morning, it was learnt that the police had taken the corpse away.