

Cult war leaves five dead in Aba



Five persons in their early or late 20s have been killed in cult clashes in Aba North and South local governments of **Abia State**.

The affected areas include Nkoro, Cemetery Road, Nwankpa, Ehime, Osusu, Ama Ognonna, and Erundu.

While two persons were killed last week, the other group killed three members of rival group around Nkoro in retaliation.

A resident of Nkoro said one of the deceased, persons(a twin) had alighted from a commercial tricycle in the company of his girlfriend and another male friend, who is also a member of his cult group, when some people who had been monitoring them, accosted them and started beating him. The girlfriend and the other friend on realising the danger, took to their heels.

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It was gathered that the group shot their rival cult member in the head, leaving him in the pool of his blood and, subsequently, hopped into a waiting commercial tricycle, and zoomed off.

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Few minutes later, the same group trailed other members of the rival cult group to Nkoro where they shot him.

Another member of the opposing cult group was killed near his house while the twin brother of the deceased narrowly escaped death. Shop owners in the affected areas closed their closed shops to avoid being caught in the web of the shooting.

The bodies have been evacuated by the Police Rapid Response Squad.

A source at the Aba Area Command of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) confirmed the clash.