

2 feared killed in Rivers cult clash

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THERE was panic in Ubima community in Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State, on Monday, as people scampered for safety, following a cult clash in which two persons were feared dead.

Ubima is the hometown of two former governors of the state-Sir Celestine Omehia and Honourable Rotimi Amaechi.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that stampede arose as residents of the community were fleeing to avoid being caught in the crossfire between the two warring cult groups.

Efforts to get a police confirmation of the incident proved abortive as the state police spokesman, DSP Ahmad Muhammad, did not respond to an SMS sent to his mobile telephone, as at the time of going to press.

Confirming the incident, however, Chairman of Ikwerre Local Government Area, Bestman Amadi, disclosed that security operatives had been drafted to Ubima to restore peace and order.

"The second detachment of security operatives are right now being drafted to Ubima community to quell the situation. The first detachment of armed security personnel was drafted yesterday (Monday) night.