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## 4 feared killed in Benin renewed cult war (/4-feared-killed-in-benin-renewed-cult-war)

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ABOUT four persons have been killed within the Benin metropolis between Sunday and Monday, following renewed cult war between the Black Axe and Eiye confraternities. One of the victims, simply identified as Lawal, was reportedly shot dead around Ezoba area, on Sokponba Road, covering 1st and 2nd East Circular Roads, Erie and environs, on Sunday.

It was gathered that few days earlier, the suspected cultists had attacked the younger brother of Lawal, where he was seriously butchered in various parts of his body. He was said to have been released from the hospital on Sunday when they were attacked again and this time, found their target who they were said to have shot at close range.

Also, a suspected member of the Black Axe, who was allegedly cut with an axe in Sakponba Road area, was said to have died in a hospital.

His friends, apparently on revenge mission, were said to have killed three members of the rival cult group in different locations in the area.

When contacted on phone, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abiodun Osifo, confirmed the clash, but said he was yet to get actual number of deaths.

"We did our intervention by deploying our men in the area. We are on a manhunt for those fingered in the attack. We are very sure that before the end of tomorrow (Tuesday), we will be able to arrest those that had been fingered in the act," he said.

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