



The two suspects arrested in connection with stolen female panties in Lagos State.

## Four students shot dead as cultists clash at UNIUYO

THE police command in Akwa Ibom State, on Wednesday, confirmed report of a cult clash between the Black Axe and Vikings Confraternities at the University of Uyo campuses, which reportedly led to the death of four students.

A student of the university who preferred anonymity lamented incessant attacks from cult groups from outside the varsity campuses.

He said that one student was killed in the afternoon on Tuesday at the main campus, while three students were killed at the permanent site of the university at about

9:00p.m., the same day.

"Before the last matriculation that held on Wednesday, April 17, there were shoot-outs. During the matriculation, there were clashes between cult groups.

"Just yesterday (Tuesday), a student was shot dead during a clash between two cult groups at the annex campus.

"I heard that other three students were shot dead last night at the main campus at Nwaniba, making it four dead persons at the campuses," he said.

Also speaking, a student of Faculty of Arts, Mr Boniface Bassey, called on the state

government to intervene in the development.

He suggested that the school management should bring plain-cloth security personnel to secure the institution.

Bassey further called on management of UNIUYO to fish out perpetrators of the clashes for prosecution.

Director of Information, University of Uyo, Mrs Blossom Okorie, confirmed the incident but said she was not in the position to speak further on the incident.

"We have reported the matter to the police and I cannot comment on matter,"

she said.

She said that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Eniefiok Essien, was the only person to speak on the issue.

The Public Relations Officer of the police command, SP Odiko MacDon, who confirmed the incident to newsmen in Uyo, said that the police were aware of the incident and that normalcy had returned to the campuses.

"The Commissioner of Police is trying to meet with the management of the university to strategise on how to tackle the menace and ensure adequate security at the university," he said.