

a suburb of Yenagoa that is famous for cult-related vio-

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## Police's clash with suspected cultists claims one in Delta community

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A clash between operatives of the Nigerian Police at Ovwian/Aladja Division in Udu Local Government Area of Delta State and suspected cultists has reportedly left one person dead.

Although still sketchy, report has it that the clash occurred on Tuesday at the Express junction of the area.

Two rival cult groups were said to have clashed during which the victim, who belonged to one of the two cult groups, was killed.

It was gathered that the rival cultists opened fire on the police operatives who had raced to the scene to quell the cult clash and restore law and order.

Faced with fierce confrontation, the police operatives repelled the gun attacks

and one of the suspected cultists was gunned down while others fled into the woods.

It was not clear if the police operatives made any arrest or recovered any item from the suspected cultists during the operation.

The Delta State Commissioner of Police, Adeyinka Adeleke confirmed the incident to journalists on Wednesday.

According to him, "some cultists clashed with the police and one was shot dead. The person was a cultist."

It will be recalled that the rate of cultism and other criminal activities has escalated in Udu Local Government Area in recent times, in spite of a dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed in the area by the chairman, Honourable Jite Brown last week.