

guardians will also be dragged before court for disrespecting

According to Ganduje, the BESDA teachers would be

launching of BESDA and the distribution of offer of appointment to 7,500 volunteer

ians. Such parents or guardians would be taken to court for disrespecting our laws."

② 5 killed as rival cults clash in Benue

Police confirm 4 killed

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FIVE people were killed between Monday and Tuesday in Ugbokolo community of Okpokwu Local Government Area of Benue State following a clash between two rival cult groups, Red and Black.

Investigations revealed that a pharmacist who was killed in his shop was among the dead.

It was further gathered

that the victims were allegedly members of two cult groups known as Red and Black confraternity who were killed by their colleagues in the area.

A source explained that members of the Red cult group had earlier killed a member of Black cult group in the area and ran away after the incident.

According to him, the Black cult group in a reprisal killed four members of the Red cult group including

a pharmacist, bringing the number of people killed in the incident to five.

Confirming the development, the Caretaker Committee chairman for Okpokwu Local Government Area, Mrs Amina Audu, said the cult war started since Monday, leading to the death of five persons.

"Yes, the fight between two rival cult groups is true. It is between the Red and the Black cult group. One person was killed on Monday

and yesterday (Tuesday), four persons were killed. I have reported the matter to the security adviser to the governor, Commandant of the Vigilance in Okpokwu Local Government Area and the Divisional Police station.

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Benue State Command, DSP Catherine Anene, said the police was aware of the development, while confirming that four people died in the clash.