

## 4 suspected cultists killed during clash in Bayelsa

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THE police in Bayelsa State have confirmed the death of four suspected cultists during a clash in Lobia community in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of the state on Monday morning.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Asinim Butswat, in a statement on the incident, said: "Two rival cult gangs clashed at Lobia community in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of the state on December 28, at about 2:30 a.m.

"The incident led to the death of four cultists. Their identities are yet to be ascertained at the moment.

"The corpses have been deposited at the morgue, while investigations have commenced into the incident."

It was, however, alleged that a child also lost his life during the shootout by the cultists, but this was not confirmed by the police.

An eyewitness said the two cult groups from Uku-ble and Azuzuama communities clashed during the remembrance ceremony for a late chief in Lobia 2 over an issue that is yet to be ascertained.