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## LG boss kidnapped as two die in Rivers' cult clashes

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GUNMEN on Wednesday kidnapped the chairman of Okrika Local Government Area of Rivers State, Pholemon Kingoli, just as two persons were reportedly killed following a shoot-out between two rival cult groups in the state also on Wednesday.

The local government

chairman was kidnapped on Odili Road, while the cult clashes occurred around Old Port Harcourt Township.

Details about the kidnap of the local government chairman was still sketchy as of the time of filing this report, but it was gathered that the abductors are yet to make any contact with the victim's family.

The state's Commissioner of Police, Eboka Friday, on

Thursday, however, ordered a manhunt to rescue the abducted council boss.

The state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Nnamdi Omoni, who confirmed Kingoli's kidnap on Thursday, said the CP had given marching orders aimed at ensuring his rescue.

Omoni said: "We are doing everything humanly possible to get him out of the

kidnappers' den. The CP has given a marching order to that effect.

"So, all hands are on deck to ensure his early release. All the tactical units have been mobilised and we are hopeful that he would be rescued soon."

On cult clashes, Omoni confirmed the killings, adding that it was a battle of supremacy between two rival gangs and that a pistol was

recovered when operatives went after the miscreants.

He said: "I can confirm it. I think it has to do with this battle for supremacy between two notorious cult groups in the state. The other group came for an

identified target and then shot sporadically.

"But before we (Police) got there, they had escaped. We chased them anyway and we were able to recover a pistol; investigation is ongoing."

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