

# 4 Suspected cultists kill MOSIEND leader in Bayelsa

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A clan chairman of the Movement for the Survival of the Ijaw Ethnic Nationality (MOSIEND) in Bayelsa State has been killed by gunmen suspected to be cultists.

The MOSIEND chairman of Koluama clan, simply identified as Comrade Big J, also known as Don Cici, was shot at close range at about 7:00 a.m. on Sunday at Osuale market while on his way to pick up money from a local money transfer delivered by boat.

Comrade Big J, according to some Ijaw youths who spoke to **Nigerian Tribune**, was a dedicated youth advocate and also a strong

member of the Ijaw Youths Council (IYC) until he left the council following a fall-out after the last national executive election of the association.

A source in Koluama community informed that Comrade Big J was a known advocate of peace and welfare for Ijaw youths, just as he added that those who are suspected to have killed him were cultists who felt he crossed into their territory.

It was gathered that Comrade Big J was about 50 years old and married with children.

The chairman of Southern Ijaw Forum of MOSIEND, Comrade Mathew Ebikibuna, condemned the killing, just as he described it as barbaric.