

Two killed in cult-related clash in Benue

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TWO persons were shot dead during a cult clash in Makurdi, the Benue State capital.

The incident occurred on Sunday at Corner Stone vicinity around the Gyado Villa in Makurdi.

A source from the area said the incident occurred at about 8:40 p.m. after suspected cultists engaged themselves in gun duel in the area.

The source said: "Of the three persons gunned down, two died instantly, one was rushed to the hospital and we later learnt that the person died, bringing the num-

ber of those killed to three.

"The deceased were first dragged outside their houses and shot on their chests several times by the gun men," a witness who is resident of the area said.

However, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Catherine Anene, confirmed that two persons died as a result of the clash.

She said, "Some young men sat at a spot and some other young men came and attacked them at about 8:00 p.m. last night [Sunday].

"Two persons were confirmed dead and another one who was seriously injured is on admission."