

Three killed in Gboko rival cult clash, police arrest 30 suspects

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THREE persons were killed during a clash between two rival cult groups in Gboko town, Gboko Local Government Area of Benue State.

Several people were reportedly injured during the

clash which started from Saturday till Sunday.

The situation was later brought under control by security agencies in the town.

The clash was said to have been caused by misunderstanding between the rival groups which led to the killing of one of the members of the rival group.

A source said: "Actually, no one can tell the cause of the fight between the rival cult groups, but we learnt that there was a misunderstanding between them, which led to the killing of a member of another group."

The chairman of Gboko council area, Mr Issac Mtom, in a statement, ap-

pealed for calm, just as he assured that security agencies were already on top of the situation.

According to the statement by his Special Assistant, Media and Publicity, Bright Antyo, the council boss confirmed the death of three persons.

"The chairman of Gboko Local Government Area has,

therefore, called on residents of Gboko to remain calm and vigilant following the clash between two rival cult groups."

The statement quoted the chairman as making the call while receiving report of the attacks carried out by the cult groups.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO),

SP Catherine Anene, who confirmed the crisis, said 30 suspects.

Anene said: "I cannot confirm if there is any casualty or not, but the information I gathered now is that 30 suspects were arrested in connection with the crisis in Gboko and the suspects are on their way to Makurdi."