

3 suspected cultists die in shoot out in Rivers

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THREE suspected cultists were reported to have lost their lives in a shootout between members of the gangs in one instance and between some of the gang members and the police in another instance.

The incident according to community sources happened during the week at Abarikpo community, Ahoada East Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The source narrated that members of a particular cult group had invaded the community at about 2 am in search of their unit leader, one James Bright, aka Borokiri, who was said to have converted the arms and ammunition of the group to his personal use.

But it was gathered that the unit leader of the group engaged the invading faction in

a gun battle which resulted in the death of two of the invaders.

The shoot-out, the source explained, trapped residents in their houses until daybreak in their move to avoid being hit by stray bullets.

Speaking on the incident, The Police Public Relations Officer PPRO for the Rivers State Police command, SP Grace Iringe Koko confirmed the incident stating that for the timely intervention of the Police the shootings would have escalated.

She said the Police on getting the information trailed, James Bright, to his hideout adding that on sighting the Police, he opened fire and in the exchange of gunfire that ensued, he was shot dead.

SP Koko further disclosed that normalcy has returned to the area as a detachment of Police has been stationed there.