

Six feared killed in Emohua clash

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A clash between the people of Emohua and a community in Ogbakiri has left no fewer than six people dead.

The fight which was reported to have started on Saturday forced residents of Emohua to flee their homes.

A resident of Emohua told our correspondent over the telephone on Sunday that the clash was a reprisal and had forced many people to leave the town for fear of the unknown.

Our correspondent gathered that the community stormed Emohua to avenge the alleged killings of some of its people in 2005.

A resident of the town told our correspondent, "It is a

power tussle between a politician in Emohua and another politician from the Ogbakiri community."

But another source said that the dash was between two cult groups, namely Dewell and Degbam.

According to the source, Dewell boys stormed Emohua on Friday night and shot dead six members of Degbam.

He said, "The shooting was terrible. I heard that they came to avenge the deaths of their members killed by Degbam in a previous clash."

It was gathered that the town had virtually been deserted due to the exodus of its resident, even though policemen had been deployed in the area.

"Policemen are all over the place now and that was how I

managed to escape," our source said.

The Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Ireju Barasua, confirmed the incident to our correspondent over the telephone but said that she did not have the details as at 4.30pm on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the cult crisis in which three people were feared to have been killed on Thursday in Bodo is yet to be brought under control as youths are reportedly parading the streets causing trouble in the community.

Our correspondent gathered that two of the policemen deployed in the place were disarmed by a group of cult boys.

But Barasua failed to confirm the story as she said that she had not been briefed on any such happening.