

# Cultists behead man in fresh Ogoni crisis

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**T**HE lingering crisis in Bodo, an Ogoni community, in the Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State, took a new twist on Monday when members of a cult group, Deebam, allegedly beheaded a 46-year-old man.

Our correspondent gathered that Monday Gbarami, an indigene of the community, was beheaded for what the group described as conspiracy.

Gbarami was said to have been arrested for taking a member of a rival cult group, Dee Well, to obtain power from herbalists.

A source within the com-

munity told our correspondent that the group, Deebam, sentenced Gbarami to death, having conducted investigations into the allegation.

He was after that beheaded and buried around the Ashawo Market in the community.

"Although Monday was known for helping people obtain power from the herbalists, he was a very peaceful and quiet person. He was not a cultist and had not been identified with the recent fighting in the community. It is sad that someone like him would be a victim of this terrible war," the source said.

Investigations further re-

vealed that the Deebam also had apprehended four more rivals, members of the Deewell, as at about 8am on Monday.

The fate of the "arrested" persons had not been decided as at 6pm.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Ireju Barasua, when contacted, said that she was not aware of the fresh crisis.

It was speculated that the four rival cultists must have been killed.

The Rivers State Governor two weeks ago vowed to sack any local government council chairman who was unable to maintain peace in his domain.

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