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Rivers State Governor Rotimi Amaechi

THE level of violence in Rivers State took a fresh turn on Saturday and Sunday as four persons were killed in Eleme and Okrika Local Government Areas of the state.

Two persons were attacked by unknown gunmen in Okrika, including a man that was killed in his car and taken away by his assailants.

The incident, which was said to have happened at about 8pm, shocked indigenes of the area, even as another victim fell to the bullets of the gunmen in his house in the same Okrika.

A source, who expressed shock over the attacks on Saturday, explained that the second victim was killed inside his residence, his body was found floating in a river.

In Ebubu community, Eleme Local Government Area, two persons were killed on Sunday during a clash between two rival cult groups.

Though no reason had been given for the clash, the rival cult groups had fought each other with guns, cutlasses and other weapons.

Some members of the community had deserted the area in order to avoid being caught in the clash that took place around 8pm and continued till the early hours of Monday.

In another development, the All Progressives Congress in the state, has alleged that the killings of its members have not stopped.

The state chapter of the APC condemned the latest killings involving two persons in Okrika Local Government Area.

Calling for an immediate end to the killings, the Greater Together Campaign Organisation of the governorship candidate of the APC in the last election, Dr. Dakuku Peterside, warned that the ugly act could have adverse effect if nothing was done to stop it.

A statement signed by the Director of Communications of the campaign outfit, Mrs. Ibim Semenitari, wondered why those behind the killings were interested in turning the state into a battlefield.

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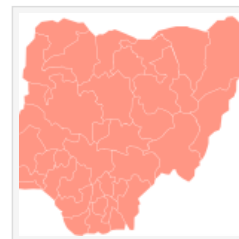


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