

Three killed as Benue rival cult groups clash

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At least, three persons, including one Ochoche Iduh, who just completed his National Youth Service Corps a week ago, were killed during a clash between two rival cult groups, the Red and the Black, in Ojira, Otukpo town in the Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State on Friday.

Our correspondent gathered that Iduh was among the Batch B stream 2 NYSC members who recently completed their one-year compulsory service and had gone home to present his discharge certificate to his parents who lived in Otukpo.

The victim, who was said to have hailed from the Apa LGA of Benue State, held a Higher National Diploma in Business Administration from the Benue State Polytechnic, Ugbokolo.

A source close to the deceased stated, “Immediately the rival group noticed that Iduh had arrived at home, they quickly mobilised to attack him.

“When the other group got information about the attack, they too went on a reprisal. It took the intervention of the police, who were drafted to the area, to bring the situation under control. But before their arrival, three people had died, while many others sustained bullet injuries.”

The Police Public Relations Officer in Benue, Moses Yamu, confirmed the incident, adding that three persons were killed during the cult clash.

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