

Three killed as cultists clash in Calabar —Police

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Some policemen

Ada Wodu, Calabar

A clash between two rival cult groups, Black Axe and Klans, in Calabar South, Cross River State has resulted in the death of three persons.

A source who witnessed the killing of one of the victims at about 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday on Ambo Street, narrated to our correspondent how it happened.

The source who pleaded anonymity said, “We had just finished a church programme at about 11:00 p.m. and we were going home when some young men accosted a youth and began hitting him with a plank.

“After hitting him several times with the plank, they later used a machete to cut the victim who was screaming for help. The victim was said to have come to visit someone in the neighbourhood when he was waylaid.

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“Everybody had to run from the scene as it appeared it was cultists that were attacking each other. After about an hour, the police from Mbukpa Police Station arrived the scene but did not meet the culprits who escaped immediately they finished killing their victim.”

It was gathered that a reprisal attack on Wednesday afternoon on a street near Ambo street also resulted in the death of another victim.

Our correspondent also gathered that earlier on Wednesday, another victim was said to have been shot dead around Chamley Street also in Calabar South.

Details about the attack on Chamley Street were sketchy as of the time of filing this report. The incident was also attributed to rival cult clash.

The state Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Irene Ugbo, when contacted confirmed the incidents.

“Three persons were killed when two cult groups, Black Axe and Klan, clashed. Four suspects have been arrested in connection with the incidents and they are being interrogated.

“Our men have been deployed everywhere. There is no cause for alarm as the situation has been brought under control,” she said.