

Seven killed in Rivers cult attacks

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AT least, seven persons were killed in Kono Boue, Khana, and Isiodu communities in Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers State by gunmen suspected to be cultists.

The suspected cultists also destroyed properties worth millions of naira during the raid of the Kono Boue community in Khana LGA on Sunday.

While five persons were shot dead in Khana LGA, two were said to have been hacked in Isiodu during another cult war in Emohua.

It was gathered that the Kono Boue incident, which happened around 4pm, caused panic in the area, as residents scampered to safety to avoid being hit in the crossfire.

A source from the Khana Local Government Area disclosed that one of those killed was a popular man known as Dollar Boy.

The source, who pleaded not to be mentioned said, “The gunmen were cult members and they came not in the night, but in broad daylight. Though I cannot say the exact number of persons that died during the attack, I learnt that many died during the incident.”

Confirming the two incident, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Nnamdi Omoni, said that five persons lost their lives in Kono Boue (Khana) while in Isiodu (Emohua), two persons were killed in cult-related attacks.

Omoni, however, explained that the State Police Command had begun an investigation into the two incidents with a view to apprehending and bringing those behind the killings to book.

“I can confirm to you that in Kono Boue, Khana LGA, five persons were killed by cultists, while in Isiodu, two persons lost their lives in another cult-related attack.

“An investigation has begun on the two incidents,” he added.

Earlier, a statement from Khana Local Government Chairman, Chief Lahteh Loolo, condemned Sunday’s cult attack and destruction of property in Kono Boue.

The statement indicated that one person had earlier been killed in Bori on Friday last week barely a few hours after a security stakeholders’ meeting.

“The authority of Khana LGA has condemned in strongest terms the killing of one person in Bori on Friday last week barely few hours after the security stakeholders meeting in Bori.