

Three killed in Rivers, Bayelsa cult clashes

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Daniels Igoni and Dennis Naku

A clash involving two rival cults has claimed the lives of two women in Okrika Waterfront, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the fight involved members of the Greenlander and Icelanders cults.

A source said the fight was caused by the refusal of some members of the Greenlander to accede to a peace accord proposed by the Icelanders in the suburb.

“As a sign of displeasure to the rejection of the peace accord, the Icelanders members went and harassed a Greenlander leader,” he added.

The harassment, according to the source, led to a retaliation and subsequent invasion of the waterfront suburb during a local football match.

A resident, who did not want to be identified, said the cultists alighted from a vehicle and shot continuously, as stray bullets hit the victims.

The state Commissioner of Police, Joseph Mukan, confirmed the incident, adding that police operatives had been deployed in the area.

He, however, said the police had a record of one death.