

Police recover pistol as fresh River cult clash claims one

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① **A** man identified as Ajemina Horsfall was shot dead in a suspected clash by rival cult groups in Buguma, Asari-Toru local government area of Rivers State.

* This occurred as a similar cult attack claimed three lives in the old Port Harcourt Township on Wednesday night.

Horsfall was reportedly traced from Port Harcourt to Buguma, where he was killed after attending an event in the mainly coastal community area.

Speaking on the incident, Coordinator of the Rivers State Partners for Peace, Livingstone Membere, said the killing created panic in Buguma and nearby towns.

Membere stated, "Some yet-to-be identified gunmen attacked and killed a young man by name Ajemina Horsfall along the King Amakiri Road in Buguma. It is believed to be cult rivalry."

"Once there is an attack and fatality, people naturally expect a reprisal. Everybody in Buguma and environs is scared and careful. It is not just being exposed to attack by the cultist but also from being harassed by security operatives."

Members urged the security operatives and the Rivers State Government to change their approach towards fighting crime in the state.

The spokesperson for the state police command, Nnamdi Omoni, who confirmed the incident, said preliminary investigation showed that it was the Buguma cult clash that spilled over to Port Harcourt which left three persons dead.

He stated that the police had launched a manhunt for fleeing members of the gang, adding that a pistol was recovered from them.

Man in EFCC net diverting N800

Chukwudi Akasike

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission has arrested one Adeleke Adeyemi for alleged conspiracy, issuance of dud cheques and diversion of N800m bank loan for personal use.

It was learnt that Adeyemi and his alleged accomplice, Odusanya Memphis (now at large) had in their capacities as directors at a company took N800m loan in 2011