

# Stray bullets kill two Bayelsa traders as rival cults clash

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Two persons have been killed in Bayelsa State following a clash involving suspected rival cults.

It was gathered that the incident happened around the popular Swali Market in Yenagoa, the state capital, on Monday.

Two other victims, who sustained gunshot wounds, were said to be receiving treatment in hospital.

The deceased and the two surviving victims were traders in the market and they were hit by stray bullets fired by the cultists, it was learnt.

The fight threw the market into chaos as traders, customers and passers-by ran in different directions, while some shops were looted and cash stolen.

The spokesperson for the state police command, Mr Asinim Butswat, confirmed the incident.

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Butswat, who said the command had yet to ascertain the names of the rival cults, stated, “It was a rival cult clash. Two persons died, while Emmanuel Akpaye and Chinedu Offor are responding to treatment at the Federal Medical Centre.”

According to him, the command has commenced investigation into the incident.