

Fear spreads as six killed in fresh Delta cult war

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Delta State Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Ali

Following the killing of a former Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees in a cult clash, six suspected cult members of the Black Axe confraternity have been killed in Asaba, Delta State.

The ex-NULGE chairman was killed on Monday around 7am by suspected members of the Black Axe confraternity.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the development led to the killing of six persons between 6pm on Monday and 7am on Tuesday, including a 67-year-old surveyor in Asaba.

The sexagenarian was reportedly killed at his home on a street opposite the Stephen Keshi Stadium, Umuagu, Asaba, around 6pm on Monday, while five yet-to-be-identified others were killed in different locations in the state capital.

The head of one of the victims, who was decapitated, was said to have been taken to the Oshimili South Local Government Area junction early Tuesday, while the body was dropped in the Otuagu area of Asaba.

The cult war in the state capital, which has claimed several lives, is forcing many young people to relocate temporarily out of the city.

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Our correspondent gathered that the warring cults, Aro-Bagar and Balck Axe, were targeting the elders (*Capon*) of their various groups.

The state acting Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edefe, said he was only aware of the killing of three persons.

"The police are on the situation," he added.

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