

Suspected cultists kill three in Edo

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THREE people were killed on Sunday night in Benin, Edo State in clashes between rival cult groups in the state.

No fewer than 30 people including a journalist with the Independent Radio and Television Station and vigilante heads were killed during a bloody cult war between members of the

Black Axe and their rival Supreme Eiye confraternity that occurred during the yuletide season in the state.

The renewed clash is also between the Black Axe and Supreme Eiye cult groups.

One of the latest victim identified as Denco was killed at a drinking spot at Igun junction by Igbesanmwan and Oza Street off Sokponba Road in Benin while another known as Ariba was killed inside his room, after leaving

his doors open after getting himself drunk.

The development, according to a source led to the killing of the third victim at 2nd East Circular area same Sunday night, bringing the total number of casualties to three.

It would be recalled again that a middle aged man was shot dead inside his car along Upper Siluko Road by Textile Mill junction by suspected cultists who information revealed are hell-bent in avenging

the death of their members during last December killings.

Contacted on phone, the Spokesperson for the Police Command in Edo State, SP Chidi Nwabuzor, said that he is yet to be briefed on the incidents

He said: "Not until we see our report coming from there (scene of crime), I will not be able to make a statement I don't know about. Whatever I would say will be from the report that is coming from that place."