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## **2 Killed In Cult Clash**

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he spate of cult related violence, which once swept through Asaba, Delta State, appears to have found its root to Ughelli, where a clash among two rival cults left two persons dead and many others wounded.

In the latest clash early this week, members of two local cults

groups engaged in gun battle, leading to casualties.

P.M. NEWS investigations show that the rival cults - "Baga" and "Aye" Confraternity have been locked in a battle of supremacy. This has led to a state of insecurity in the town.

Sources said the "Baga" cult members, attacked the "Aye" members, wounding some of them.

Irked by the attack, the "Aye" gang allegedly launched a reprisal attack on the "Baga" cultists at the pipeline area of Ughelli. The

counter attack led to the death of a "Baga" member.

Angered by the level of casualty inflicted on its rival cult, "Aye" confraternity took the battle to the "Baga boys". This time, the battle ground was the Upper Affiesere Road area of the town. By the time the dust had settled, one of the combatants who is a member of "Aye" had been killed.

The police have since moved in and four suspects have been

arrested as investigation into the clashes continue.

The Ughelli incident occured in the wake of the recent alleged cultrelated murder in Ibusa, Delta State, of a young man identified as Okobi.