

Obi (2nd left) and Osite Egbuna (left) at the foundation laying ceremony in Onitsha, yesterday

# 1 feared dead in Ebonyi varsity cult clash

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**A**t least one person has been confirmed dead in a rival cult clash at the Ishieke campus of Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki.

It was gathered that three persons were shot at different places at the weekend while one later died due to the bullet wounds he sustained.

A source said that members of the cult groups had been involved in a supremacy war in their yards, hostels and drinking joints

in the area, shooting and causing mayhem, adding that those shot were taken to unknown hospital for treatment.

"The cult groups have been hunting for one another, shooting themselves. I don't know what caused the clash but we heard gunshots and people started running at the drinking joint.

"I heard that members of one of the cult groups went to some hostels to attack their rivals and shot some boys last week. I gathered also that three persons have been killed by the cult groups while some of

them who sustained bullet wounds are receiving treatment at the hospital," a student stated.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Chris Anyanwu, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), who confirmed the incident, stated that one of those who sustained bullet wounds later died.

He said that the situation had been put under control as mobile policemen had been dispatched to the area to maintain peace and order, adding that the students and residents of the area have been going about

their normal businesses.

The PPRO said that some of the cultists, including one of their leaders, had been arrested by the police, saying that their parents were invited by the police.

"There was cult clash at Ishieke campus of the state university at the weekend and one person has been confirmed dead out of the three persons that sustained bullet injuries. The police have brought calm to the area and no more clashes since then. We have made some arrests including the kingpin, so, we are at the top of the situation," the PPRO stated.

## NSCDC arrests 21 years old