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No fewer than four persons were killed when two cult groups clashed in Obosi in Idemili North Council Area of Anambra State. The Police command in the state said some arrests had been made in connection with the incident.

It was gathered that the war between the two unidentified cult groups came to limelight at the weekend, when two persons suspected to be members of one of the cult group were allegedly gunned down by their rivals at Ozuda in Obosi community.

According to a source, who did not want his name in print, the two warring cult groups had clashed at an event and the open confrontation led to bloodshed. The source said that during the clash, dangerous weapons including firearms were freely used by the suspected cultists and no fewer than four persons died and scores injured.

However, the Anambra State police command through its Public Relations Officer, (PPRO), Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka said that only two persons were killed during the cult war. It was gathered that the main cause of the clash was a tussle over who controls the revenue from the sale of communal lands in Obosi.

The Police image maker disclosed that some people have been arrested in connection with the incident, adding that efforts were being intensified to arrest all fleeing members of the warring cult groups. He urged the members of the public and Obosi community to help the police with useful information that could lead to their arrest.

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