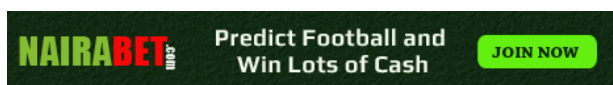


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Rivers: 13 killed in cult war

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No fewer than 13 persons have been killed in cult related war in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Daily Sun gathered that between Sunday and Thursday evening, 13 persons had been murdered in Omoku and Obrikom.

A source (name withheld), who fled Omoku, headquarters of ONELGA, on Wednesday, following the gruesome murder of a young man in broad daylight in front of their school, told Daily Sun that at least six persons had been killed by suspected cultists.

She said the incident occurred at about 9:15a.m, forcing the principal to close the school.

Also, she said one of the victims, on Tuesday night, was beheaded and the corpse was retrieved from a nearby drainage by Policemen the next morning.

The source maintained that there had been sporadic shootings in the areas, particularly in Omoku.

Another source said seven persons have been killed in Obrikom, a neighbouring community to Omoku.

The source, who spoke to Daily Sun on phone, said people have started deserting the busy Omoku town and other neighbouring communities for fear of reprisal attacks.

Also, according to the source, the gunmen invaded Obrikom community in the night and overpowered youths and policemen earlier drafted to guard the town before the Wednesday incident.

"Obrikom is now a ghost town as residents have deserted the town following rumours of more killings there by the suspected cultists," the source said.

Meanwhile, the State Police Command's spokesperson could not confirm the killings, as a text message sent to him was not replied as at the time of filing this report.

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