

## Cult leader beheaded in Rivers community

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**SUSPECTED** leader of Degban cult group in Ubima community in Ikwerre Local Government Area of Rivers State, popularly known as Morocco, has been murdered.

Morocco's death has caused panic, as residents of Ubima community have started to leave the place in droves.

He was allegedly beheaded yesterday, by a rival cult group during a supremacy battle in Ubima Community, where the two rival groups reportedly exchanged gunfire for more than four hours.

It was gathered that the activities of Degban and Iceland cult groups led to untimely death of many people and destruction of property in the community, which is the home town of the Minister of Transport, Chibuike Amaechi and Sir Celestine Omechia, both former governors of the state.

*Daily Sun* further gathered that Morocco was the first victim after Iceland cult group threatened to avenge the death of their members with 50 heads.

Recent records showed that over 12 cult members from the two groups had been killed; some of the corpses buried while others were missing.

One of the cult leaders, who did not want to be mentioned, confirmed killing Morocco: "We beheaded Morocco because he declared himself as point-one (leader). We separated his head from his body just to let him know that he is nothing. There are men who own this town and not Morocco," said the source.

The source confirmed that people had deserted the community for fear of reprisal attack.

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