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3 killed in cult war

•Dusk to dawn curfew imposed

From **Tony John**, Port Harcourt

SUSPECTED cultists have murdered three persons in Oyorokoto Community in Andoni Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The killing occurred barely 24 hours after suspected cultists assassinated five residents of Ogbele community in Ahoada East Local Government Area of the state at the weekend.

Consequently, a dusk to dawn curfew has been imposed by the council, which had taken effect immediately.

The restriction of movement was placed in Andoni mainland from Ngo Town.

The Chairman, Caretaker Committee of Andoni Local Government Area, Ere Victor, confirmed the killing to journalists yesterday.

Victor, said the dusk to dawn curfew was to prevent further deaths or reprisal attacks.

He, however, called on security agencies to track down the perpetrators of the dastardly act and sponsors of cultists in the area.

"I have directed the security agencies to arrest perpetrators of this act as well as sponsors of these cultists in Andoni Local Government Area," he said.

Akpobolokemi asks court to hands off his trial

By **Lukman Olabiyi**

EMBATTLED former Director-General of Nigeria Maritime Administration Safety Agency (NIMASA), Patrick Akpobolokemi, has asked the Lagos State High Court, Igbosere, to hands off his trial.

Akpobolokemi and six others, were earlier arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) before the court on 12 counts.