

Cult group kills 26-year-old in Imo

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THE Community of Awara, in Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area LGA of Imo State, was thrown into mourning following the alleged killing of a 26-year-old Lawrence Ochianwa Igwe by cultists operating in the volatile autonomous community.

Sunday Sun reliably gathered that the deceased was a victim of intra communal cult war between "Deywell" and "Deybam" confraternities.

According to a source, Igwe was a victim of mistaken identity as he was never a member of any of the rival cult groups. But according to the source, the deceased Igwe and his friend were ambushed by the members of the "deywell" confraternity who battered them. Igwe later gave up the ghost as a result of severe injuries inflicted on him, while his friend whose identity is yet to be ascertained as at press time is battling for his life at an undisclosed hospital.

"I can swear with my life that he was never a member of any of the heartless groups, neither was he sympathetic to any of their demonic acts," the source said.

However, the Publicity Secretary of Awara Court Area Youths, Comrade Kelechi Opara, has condemned the killing and called on the state Governor, Rochas Okorocha and the state commissioner of police to quickly intervene.

His words: "We are calling on the Imo state governor and the state commissioner of police and other agencies to intervene in the continuous murder and killings of innocent citizens in our community all in the name of cult wars".

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, in the state, Mr. Andrew Enwerem, (DSP), said he was not aware of the development.

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