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Cultists kill one, scores injured in Anambra

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SUSPECTED cultists, numbering about 20, yesterday night raided streets in Nkpor, Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State, killing one man, Ifeanyi Emerie, and inflicting injuries on many other residents.

According to the residents of the area, the streets raided were

Adazi-Ani, Amaokpala, Our Lady's, Ozigbo and All Saints.

The cultists, according to reports, had on arrival at the said streets opened fire and thereafter pounced on the residents.

There were, however, two conflicting reports on the incident that led to the death of Emerie.

One version of the story has it that one cult group, Baga, popularly known as Akpa Fraternity, had earlier attacked its rival

group, the Aye, leading to a reprisal attack.

The other version said that the victim refused to join Aye despite repeated efforts and pleas by its members.

The Ogidi Divisional Police Officer, Mark Ijarafu, confirmed the incident.

He said policemen had deposited the victim's corpse at Iyi-Enu Mission mortuary, Ogidi, while investigation is ongoing.

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