

Cult clash claims 1, another injured in Ebonyi

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A bloody clash between two suspected cult groups in Abakaliki, the capital of Ebonyi State, has left one person dead while another was injured last Sunday. The clash, *Daily Sun* gathered, took place at Oroke-Onuoha in the Amike-Aba axis of the state capital.

This was disclosed by the police public relations officer in the state, ASP Loveth Odah. The deceased, whose name she gave as Samuel Okoro, died during the clash.

"Cult boys clashed at Oroke-Onuoha. The cult groups are Junior Python and Black Panther. In the course of the clash, one person died. The police swung into action and arrested three of them.

"He was not murdered but he died during the cult clash. He resides in Kpirikpiri but he was not killed in Kpirikpiri. One person was injured. The suspects we arrested confessed that it was a cult clash. We have started investigating it," she said.

When newsmen visited their residence at 3, Muneke Street, Kpirikpiri, the deceased's mother, Clara, was being consoled by some sympathizers. She differed with the police, insisting that her son was not a cultist.

"On Sunday, he returned from where he worked at a cement factory in Nkalagu. He brought money for the WAEC fee of his younger brother as he promised. I think it was because of the WAEC fee that he returned because they were paid that day.

"He gave me the money before going out to watch a football match that evening. After several hours, he didn't return, even when it was time for our family dinner.