

Cult war: 1 killed, scores wounded in Rivers

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A 20-year-old man has been killed and several others sustained machete cuts in a clash between rival cult gangs in the Diobu axis of Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Daily Sun gathered that the cultists also attacked traders and passers-by around Bishop Okoye Street in Mile 3 area of the state capital and dispossessed them of their money and valuables.

A source in the area said that a rival cult gang raided Gambia Street in Diobu, in Port Harcourt City Local Government Area, and shot dead a member of a rival cult group, simply identified as Uche Boy. Thereafter, they proceeded to Bishop Okoye, where they carried out another round of attacks.

Another resident, while reacting to the recent attacks by hoodlums, disclosed that communities within Diobu have considered invoking the wrath of the deities against cult groups and criminal

elements in the area.

A senior police officer attached to Mile 3 Station disclosed that investigation has commenced to arrest those behind the attack on traders and the killing of the suspected cult member.

In a related development, the chairman of Rumuodogo Community Development Committee, in Emohua Local Government Area of the state, Ishmael Eze, has narrated the ordeal of his family in the hands of cult members operating in the area.

Eze, who spoke from his hospital bed in Port Harcourt, said he and his family were attacked by cult members because he was working with security operatives to end criminal activities in the community. He said he started receiving threats after he reported to the police that some of them were involved in the beheading of 12 persons in the community.

He called on the security operatives to intervene to prevent the cult members from sacking