

# 4 killed in Edo cult war <sup>2</sup>

From **Ighomuaye Lucky**, Benin

**FOUR** persons were killed on Monday night in separate clashes between rival secret cult groups in Benin, Edo State. It was learnt that three of the victims were killed at different locations in Ogida quarters of the metropolis, while the fourth victim was shot dead at Ugbor GRA.

It was gathered that the first victim at Ogida had just finished a plate of pepper soup at a beer parlour and was going home when his assailants chased him, shot and left him in a pool of blood. The second victim was said to have met his death in his bedroom, when gunmen shattered his head through the window.

The third victim was allegedly chased by his attackers and hacked to death with an axe.

In the Ugbor GRA incident, the victim was allegedly in company with his friend when his assailants attacked him and shot him from the back several times. A source in the area, who preferred anonymity, said the victim was shot dead around 10pm.

He said: "I learnt that the young man was with one of his friends when some people attacked him. His friend was said to have run into his house, thinking that the victim also escaped, unknown to him, his friend was shot dead by the gunmen."

The Edo State Police Command's spokesman, DSP Chidi Nwabuzor, could not confirm the report. He told our correspondent that he was not aware of the Ogida incident.

"I don't know about the Ogida incident; what I know is what I will tell you," he said.

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