

Cult War Claims Four In Rivers

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At least four people were feared killed while several others were injured at the weekend following a clash by rival cult groups in Akporo-Sogho community in Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State. The clash also saw the cult groups burn down several houses, forcing residents of the area to flee the community.

Sources said that various dangerous weapons were freely used by the cultists, some of who went house-to-house in search of rivals, who were said to have fought back defending their territory. The authority of Khana Local Government Area has confirmed the attack in Akporo-Sogho community by suspected

cultists, appealing for calm and orderliness.

Chairman, Caretaker Committee of Khana Local Government Area, Baridah Nsaanee, led a team of security personnel in the company of Bori Divisional Police Officer, Cletus Omuoke, to inspect the damages done during the clash.

The chairman also appealed to the people of Akporo- Sogho community to allow security agencies to fish out the suspected cultists. He also warned cultists in the area that the amnesty offered to them by Rivers State Government would not shield them from prosecution, if they returned to crime.

It will be recalled that the amnesty committee rejected the weapons surrendered by cultists in Khana Local Government Area when it took the programme there, citing the poor quality of arms surrendered by suspected cultists and criminals.

Meanwhile, the paramount ruler of Akporo- Sogho community, Abel Abalubu, has appealed to Khana council and the police to ensure the presence of security personnel in the community to prevent further killings in Khana.