

# Three killed in renewed cult clash in Akwa Ibom

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**R**enewed cult war in Akwa Ibom at the weekend claimed no fewer than three lives in Eket Local Government Area of the Akwa Ibom.

Eyewitness report said one of the victims was hacked to death while the other two were gunned down.

The war was between two major rival cult groups known Clans men and the Axe confraternity.

New Telegraph gathered that tension had enveloped the city of Eket as a result of the cult war, which had earlier claimed scores of lives.

An armed police team was seen patrolling Eket and its environs to prevent further breakdown of law and order.

An eyewitness, who did not want his name in print, said one of the victims simply known as Dela, met his untimely death while returning from watching a football match along Hospital

Road, Eket.

He said the second one was killed at Salvation Army Road while the third victim was killed along Eket-Oron Road in the city.

The current cult war was the second in three months that has claimed scores of lives.

A resident of Eket, Mr. Isaiah Okon, said the cult war may not abate soon because of the fear that one cult group lost members. He said those killed were members of the Clan cult group.