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Renewed rival cult clashes claim 4 in Edo

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A renewed cult clash in Benin City, Edo State, which was said to have started last Sunday has claimed the lives of four people around Erediauwa, a road between Sapele Road and Sokponba Road.

It was learnt that what snowballed into the clash was a case of mistaken identity in an issue between Black Axe also called Aye and Vikings also called Arobaga around Ekosodin Area of Benin City which in the process, a member of the Eiye Confraternity was killed, mistaking him for a member of Aye and this led to the clash between members of Eiye and Vikings in the Erediauwa area.

A resident in the area

said, "The killing started on Sunday. one was killed on a street before Osaze Odewengie's guest house by the left hand side, if you enter the street from Upper Sokponba, near a brothel, another was killed at Eriaria around a pure water factory, that is where the family stays and I heard he is the only child. The other two were also killed within the same area. The clash was between Eiye and Arobaga cult groups."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Chidi Nwabuzor said he was not yet aware of the clash, but was awaiting briefing.

As at the time of filing this report, it was gathered that leaders of the various confraternities under a rainbow coalition were meeting trying to resolve the issues.