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## Edo: Suspected cultists kill 3 in renewed clash

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**T**hree persons suspected to be members of a rival cult group were on Sunday night killed in Benin City, the Edo State capital, in what appeared to be resumption of cult killings in the city

The renewed cult clash it was learnt is between the Black Axe and the Eive group, a development that is sending shivers down the spines of residents in Benin.

Two of the latest victims identified as Denco and Ariba were killed at a drinking parlour at Igun junction by Igbesamwan

and Oza streets, off Sokponba Road in Benin

It was learnt that while Denco was accosted by the assailants at the drinking joint, Ariba was killed inside his room, after leaving his doors open after getting himself drunk.

The development according to a source led to the killing of the third victim at 2nd East Circular area same Sunday night, bringing the total number of casualties to three.

It would be recalled that a middle aged man was shot dead inside his car along Upper Siluko Road by Textile Mill Junction by suspected cultists who information revealed are hell-bent on avenging the death of their members during last December killings.

The victim whose name could not be identified as at press time was said to have been driving along the road when his killers pumped bullets through his side windscreen, killing him on

the spot.

Contacted on phone, the Spokesperson for the state Police Command, SP Chidi Nwanbuzor, said he is yet to be briefed on the incidents.

He said; "Not until we see our report coming from there (scene of crime), I will not be able to make a statement I don't know about.

"Whatever I would say will be from the report that is coming from that place."

## Man gets 4 life jail terms for sexual assault on daughters

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**J**ustice Abiola Soladoye of a Lagos State Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Court, Ikeja, yesterday, sentenced a man, Ademola Oladimeji, to four life imprisonments for sexually assaulting his three daughters.

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The judge, however, held that their evidence established the offence of sexual assault by penetration and not defilement.

Justice Soladoye who insisted that the evidence of the three survivors was corroborated with the Investigative Police Officer (IPO) and that of their mother, held that "Upon careful review of the

children had been sexually assaulted.

"The defendant was desperate to distance himself from the allegation by denying the offence.

"To the mind of this court, I do not believe his narration, though he denied fiddling with his daughters, but his testimony did not add up.



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