

Suspected Cultists In War Over Territory Shoot Taxi Driver Dead In P'Harcourt



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Two rival cult groups battling for supremacy in Mile 2 Diobu, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, disrupted the peace of the area with exchange of gunfire at 11 p.m. on Sunday.

The suspected cultists, who according to findings are breakaway members of Degbam; BS(Blood Star) and D12(December 12) disrupted the peace of the area.

Their actions forced some residents of the area who had not retired for the day to run inside their homes, while owners of a few shops that were deserted, as the cultists exchanged gunfire.

But some persons who were on the road at the time of the shooting, as well as shop owners who didn't close up fast, were robbed of their possessions. Some cultists brandished their weapons to scare passersby.

The shot taxi driver, whose identity was yet to be ascertained at the time of this report was said to be working a late night shift and was not part of any cult group.

The Diobu axis in Port Harcourt has for decades been a haven for cult clashes and prolonged wars mainly between Degbam and Dewell, with many lives lost. Findings revealed that the corpse of the taxi driver has been retrieved by Police operatives from Azikiwe Police Division, Mile 2 Diobu, Port Harcourt.

The Public Relations Officer of Rivers State Police Command, SP Grace Iringe Koko, who confirmed the incident, said that investigation was ongoing.