

2 Killed in Inter-Cult Clashes

Barely two weeks after cult clashes claimed over seven lives at the Diobu area, another two were in the early hours of yesterday killed at the Ogbunabali when rival cults clashed leading to one group trailing the other to a place they felled the two.

Information available to THISDAY said that the two people that were killed were members of Icelanders who were chased around 9.30 pm on Saturday night before they were finally located at a street later in the night and shot dead.

Some residents of Oke Street, Ogbunabali said they were aware of the clash between the two groups but were woken up late at night with sounds of gun shots which when the

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day broke, they discovered that the two people lay in their own pool of blood dead.

The group said to have carried out the attack were identified as "Outlaws" who were said to be on a revenge mission over an attack the dead duo allegedly carried out on their own group earlier on. They allegedly arrived the venue of the attack in a Honda car and immediately opened fire on their victims, though they were said to be looking for one Nazareth who it is not clear if

they got him or not.

A source said the attack was an offshoot of other clashes earlier in town as he described it as the fight between Ateke Tom and Soborna George who are said to be commander of Outlaws and Icelanders.

When THISDAY called the Commissioner of Police in Rivers State, Mr. Felix Ogbaudu to confirm the incident, he said that he was aware of the killing of the two boys but dispelled the rumour that the casualty figures have risen since according to him; it was not an all night war between the groups.

"It was not an all night fight so the issue of rising casualty figure does not arise. They traced the two of them to the place and shot them and it ended there. Yes I am aware of the case", he confirmed.