

# 10 Killed in Inter-cult Clash in P/Harcourt

**I**t was a harvest of deaths in some areas of Port Harcourt, Rivers State as no fewer than 10 people were killed in what appeared like an inter-cult clash which stretched from Borokiri in the early hours of yesterday to Diobu.

According to sources in the areas of the clash, there was a disagreement over the sharing of some money allegedly released by politicians over the conduct of the elections leading to some people insisting that they had been cheated.

Following that, they allegedly

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stormed the house of the head of the group which they alleged cheated them and attempted to kidnap him. That was resisted by his followers and in the ensuing shootout; at least seven people were killed.

Later in the day, the group whose base was stormed reorganized and decided to retaliate by storming the base of their rival group which is in Diobu where more casualties were recorded.

Eve as at the time of filing this

report, some of the boys who later disrupted activities at the Abonema waterside were seen armed with pistols until they were dispersed by a team of policemen who stormed the area.

Contacted, the Commissioner of Police in the State, Mr. Felix Ogbaudu told THISDAY that the incident was a mere clash between two rival groups and did not have any political undertone.

He said that it appeared that the head of one group living in Borokiri was celebrating his birthday when his place was stormed by a rival group who attempted to kidnap him but were resisted.