

Inter-cult Clash Claims 5 in Uniport

An inter-cult clash involving two different secret cults yesterday evening at the University of Port Harcourt claimed five lives while four others who sustained gunshot wounds are being treated at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching hospital (UPTH).

However, Spokesman for the University, Dr. Williams Wordi put the number of those killed at three and said that none of the deceased has been linked to any department in the institution.

"I can confirm three persons dead in the incident but since the clashes took place in Aluu, Alakahia and other adjoining villages, there is nothing to link them to the University. So far, none of the affected people have been identified as a student of any of our departments," he clarified.

The clash started at about 6pm on Wednesday when sporadic gunshots rent the air which

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while the targets of the attack lay in their own pools of blood. The atmosphere at the institution was rowdy following the matriculation ceremony of the institution held that day but it could not be

ascertained when the celebration turned into a warfare.

When THISDAY called the Police Public Relations Officer in Rivers State, Mrs. Rita Abbey, she confirmed the story but said she was not yet aware of the cause of the clash, which according to her, recorded one death.

Lawyers Warned against Disparaging

Chairman of the Body of Benchers, Elder Simeon Morounfolu Olakunrin has warned Nigerian lawyers against discourteous behaviour to the court, adding that it is by showing respect to the court that lawyers would help greatly in the enthronement of democracy and the rule of law in the country.

Elder Olakunrin who issued the warning yesterday at the call to the the Nigerian Bar ceremony in Abuja said it was unethical for lawyers to cast aspersions on

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the personality of a judge and the integrity of the court, saying anyone caught henceforth would be punished.

He said that it has become a common practice among lawyers to employ media campaign against the court each time they lose cases, noting that the behaviour is unethical as it violates the culture of the profession. "Lawyers should respect the