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Bloody Cult Clash Claims 4 Lives

From George Okoh in Lafia, 06.28.2010

A bloody clash between a [cult group](#) from the Federal Polytechnic, [Nasarawa](#) and indigenes of Nasarawa town, in Nasarawa State yesterday claimed [four lives](#).

Trouble started when youths from Nasarawa town stormed the [Makama Dogo Boys Hostel](#) of the school, holding students hostage, beating and injuring a couple of them in the process with various weapons following a disputed [election](#) of a strong member of the cult group.

THISDAY gathered that a cult group [attacked a student who is from the community during the election](#), injuring him in the process. "In [retaliation](#), the indigenes mobilised into the school to seek vengeance which led to the killing of [four persons](#). Nasarawa Local Government Chairman, Mohammed Bawa, confirmed this as he said the incident caused retaliation from the indigenes' community, which culminated in yesterday's attack on the hostel.

The chairman, however, denied knowledge of any killing. He said the Emir of Nasarawa, Alhaji Hassan Ahmed II, "played an important role as he intervened and saved some of the cultists from further attacks."

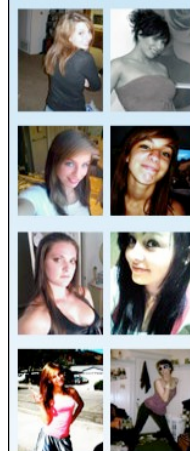
Bawa said some of the cultists were not even students since they had passed out long ago, but have been returning to cause unrest in the school and inside the town. "Some of these guys are not even students. Some of them had passed out long time ago, but they have been returning to cause troubles, parading as students," he said.

The Director of Academics of the polytechnic, Mr. Gabriel Imaku, confirmed the indigenes attacked the hostel, taking students by surprise yesterday morning. He said the attackers damaged many facilities in the school, but refused to confirm any death.

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