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8 Killed in Renewed Cult War

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Governor Adams Oshiomhole

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In the past six days, eight persons have been shot dead in a renewed cult fight that engulfed Benin City, Edo State Capital. To this end, the police in Benin-city have intensified effort to crack down the warring gangs as over five suspects have been

arrested. Arms and ammunition were also recovered from the suspects, two of whom were nabbed by men of Ogida Police Station.

THISDAY investigation re-vealed that Medical Store Road, New Benin, Second West Circular, Ogida and Sapele Road areas of Benin City have recorded at least a casualty in the killing spree. Sources disclosed that the clash was between Eiye and the Neo-Black Movement of Africa a.k.a Black Axe Confraternities.

Though the course of the fight was still unknown, unconfirmed sources however revealed that it may be a fall-out from the death of a young man allegedly killed by a rival cult member recently. It would be recalled that no fewer than 12 youths including twin brothers reportedly died in a similar fight that engulfed the city last February.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Ogida, CSP Caro told journalists that those arrested were being transferred to the Police Command Headquarters, Benin City. Meanwhile, spokesman of Edo Police Command, ASP Peter Ogboi, said any cultist caught would be treated as enemy of the state.

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