

# One feared dead as rival cults clash

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**P**ORT HARCOURT — FIGHTING broke out yesterday at Abonnema Wharf section of Port Harcourt between suspected rival cult groups. At least one person was feared dead in the clash. The cause of the crisis, was not immediately clear.

However, eyewitnesses said on Wednesday night, that some youths drove into the area in flamboyant cars, prompting members of a rival group to alert security operatives of their presence in the area. They described them as those behind the recent bank robberies in the state.

Sources said the Police immediately swooped on the area in search of suspects.

One of them was allegedly shot. It was not clear if he died on the spot but the sources said his group mobilized later for a reprisal attack, which started in the early hours of yesterday.

Effort to speak with the State Police PRO, Mrs. Ireju Baresua on the incident failed. The Army would not speak on the development.

In another development, violence broke out in the state University of Science and Technology yesterday between students and some persons sources described as the institution's vigilance group. An eyewitness said a student was killed in the incident. This could not be confirmed.