

Four feared dead in renewed Bodo cults' clash

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PORT HARCOURT—THERE are fears that about four persons may have been killed in a renewed cult war yesterday in Bodo, Gokana local government area of Rivers State.

Details were still sketchy at press time but community sources gave the names of the warring cult groups as Dewell and Debam.

The cause of the renewed hostility could not be ascertained at the time of filing this

report. But it would be recalled that the rival groups were recently involved in a battle for supremacy that lasted several months and claimed about fifteen lives. Even one of the security operatives deployed to quell the situation then was allegedly dispossessed of his rifle by one of the groups.

The Police PRO, Mrs. Baresua Ireju when reached for comment on the latest onslaught in the area declined comment. Two top politicians in the state had in the past been linked to the crisis.