

# Four killed in Bodo, Gokana cult clash

By Jimitota Onoyume

**PORT HARCOURT**—THE ranging cult war in Bodo, Gokana Local Government area, yesterday, reportedly consumed about four persons. Sources told the *Vanguard* that the groups Dewell and Debam engaged themselves with sophisticated firearms.

At press time villagers and residents in the area had started fleeing the town. Earlier speculations that two top political notchers from the area were sponsoring the duel still stuck yesterday. Natives who spoke linked the cause to the battle for the political soul of the area.

They also blamed the various security agencies in the state for not being able to contain the ugly situation which started over three months ago and had so far claimed about twenty lives of the productive group in the community.

"We are really very sad with the development. The most painful thing is that nothing

serious has been done by the leaders to resolve the situation. We call on government to act now. We live in so much fear in the town", one of the

natives who was met at the motor park lamented.

The state Police PRO, Mrs. Baresua Ireju could not be reached for comment.

## 2007 polls: Oghiadomhe lists qualities of next president

By Gabriel Enogholase

**BENIN**—EDO State Deputy Governor, Chief Mike Oghiadomhe has listed the quality the next president of Nigeria in 2007 must possess. "He must be a technocrat who can strengthen the existing structure and continue with the on-going reforms of president Olusegun Obasanjo".

Besides, he said such person must be a competent and articulate person with the boldness to be firm and mental capacity to understand the Nigerian problem.

Chief Oghiadomhe who hosted Prof. Pat Utomi, a presidential aspirant on the

platform of the Action Congress (AC) in Government House Benin on Tuesday, remarked that virtues abound in relying on technocrats for governance the world over.

Saying that pragmatic leaders do not have to come from the biggest tribe, he cited the cases of ex-president Bill Clinton of America and King David who were from the least state and tribe in USA and Israel as such examples.

He recommended that the choice of who becomes the next president of the country should transcend political, ethnic or tribal colouration if the nation must be taken to the higher level of governance.