

Two killed in Rivers rival cults' clash

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PORT HARCOURT— THERE are fears that about two persons may have been shot dead Monday evening around Injemanze area of Port Harcourt in a cult clash that left scores of others with bullet injuries.

Sources told *Vanguard* that trouble started in the area when cultists from another area stormed the street and started shooting sporadically. "They destroyed any thing of value that was in sight".

The other group quickly mobilized to counter the attack. Guns and other dangerous objects were freely used, the sources said. Customers at some eateries in the area had to be locked inside while the clash lasted.

"While we were inside, we were just praying that they don't burst in to meet us. You need to hear the way the bullets were flying from one end

of the area to the other. We were really afraid for our lives", one of them said.

The Police PRO, Mrs. Bare-sua Ireju when contacted said

she had not been briefed on it.

Vanguard gathered that cult war had been a reoccurring incident in the area.

Meanwhile, some of the residents and those who do business in that area again appealed to the police to step up security in the area.

Rivers govt adopts submarine cables for gas turbine

PORT HARCOURT— THE Rivers State government plans to lay underground cables to connect its gas turbine stations as part of measures to ensure air safety at the Port Harcourt Air-force base.

Governor Peter Odili made the announcement during an inspection tour of the Port-Harcourt section of the gas transmission line.

He said the decision was informed by the need to ensure the safety of equipment and the environment.

Odili said that submarine cables had to be used on a section of the line running from the Omoku power plant to Port Harcourt.

He noted that because the line had to run through swampy terrains, a lot of technical job needed to be done by the contractor, Rockson Engineering Limited.

The governor explained that due to the additional technology required for the laying of the underground cable and the adverse weather situation, the project had had an

extended time frame.

Rockson's Managing Director, Chief Johnson Arumeme, who conducted Odili round the project, said 1.5 km of tunnel had to be constructed for the underground cable.

The cable, he added, would link tower Nos. 407 and 408 to avoid possible contacts with aircrafts that fly through the area.

He said the project had reached 90 per cent completion stage; and pledged that it would be successfully executed.