

# Cults clash cripples night life in Bayelsa

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**YENAGOA**—THE recent upsurge in violent clash between suspected rival cult gangs in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital is gradually paralyzing night life as most residents are now compelled to retire home early.

No fewer than five persons were reportedly killed weekend when two rival armed groups were locked in deadly gunfire in the heart of the capital city causing residents to scamper for safety.

Though the peace of the capital city has been severally violated in the last two weeks by gun totting youths, some of whom were armed with machetes and other dangerous weapons, the security agencies have

assured residents of the capital city that they are on top of the situation.

The violent skirmish between suspected rival cult groups which was regarded as a thing of the past in the capital city about three years ago following the deployment of the Joint Task Force again reared its ugly head penultimate Friday when two youths were gunned down by unknown gunmen.

While one of the youths was reportedly lured out of his parents home at Opolo before he was brutally shot dead by his assailants, the other was shot dead at a popular relaxation spot by some yet to be identified gunmen who allegedly rode in a black Infinity Sport Utility Vehicle SUV.