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By Tony Edike

ENUGU – Christmas celebration in the university town of Nsukka in Enugu state was marred by violent clashes by rival cult groups which claimed two lives.

Most residents spent the yuletide indoors for fear of being maimed by the violent cult members who unleashed terror on the town.

Sources told Vanguard that the blood-letting began on December 23 when one of the groups killed a member of another group at Orba Road in the town while the second killing took place on the Christmas day

along Aku Road when some gunmen attacked and killed another who was identified simply as Killer.

The said “Killer” was reportedly trailed to a spot along the popular road and was instantly felled by the assailants bullets.

He was said to have been deformed by polio attack, a situation which made him walk with aid of clutches.

An eyewitness also revealed that after the first killing, some gunmen suspected to have struck at the Orba Road, scene of the incident escaped to a densely populated Ameze Lane in the town and took refuge in the apartment of a woman where they had forcefully entered by brandishing their lethal weapons to cow their strange host into keeping quiet as she initially raised an alarm.

Residents of the academic town were seen discussing the state of insecurity in the town in hushed tones yesterday even as fears gripped the people.

It was further gathered that some certain hotels and guest houses had to cancel some of their leisure programmes planned for the yuletide season as expected guests were being scared away from the area.

Efforts to speak with the State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Ebere Amaraizu on the development, Monday, were unsuccessful but a senior police officer attached to Nsukka Area Command confirmed that the police got wind of the incidents and had since beefed up security to ensure that the


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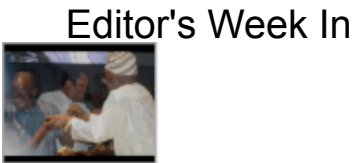
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