

Two die as cults wage supremacy war in Calabar

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CALABAR—TWO persons were killed last weekend on Iboku Street, near the popular Ambo Street, in Calabar South of Cross River State.

They were suspected to have been killed in the evening of Saturday by rival cult members in a fight for supremacy in the neighbourhood,

An eyewitness, Effiong Sampson, who lives in nearby Ikom Street, said the two died as a result of gunshots by the

police to scare the cult gangs away.

It is commonly thought that secret cult and crimes were prevalent in Calabar South area of Cross River State, leading to pockets of crimes and armed robbery.

Police spokesman in the state, Hogan Bassey, said they were aware of the cult clash which led to the death of the two, who were not immediately identified.

Bassey said they were doing everything possible to track down the perpetrators.

On Sunday night, another set of cult groups, the *Scorpions* and the *Black Cats*,

also clashed on Idang Street, near Ibesikpo, where they shot sporadically into the air.

However, another dangerous gang which dominates the area, the *Idang Boys*, challenged them for invading their territory, and succeeded in scaring them away.

Two months ago, *Idang Boys* were alleged to have killed one of their members, Eteka, who was accused of tormenting the Ambo, Idang and Ibesikpo neighbourhoods, even after signing an undertaking not to operate in the 'home neighbourhood,' which he was accused of breaching.