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Others were seen preparing makeshift houses to settle in

*The well where a 10-year-old girl drowned in Mafoluku, Oshodi area of Lagos.*

## Cult clash claims 2 in Ughelli

● *As Police arrest 30 cultists in another Delta community*

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**UGHELLI**—TWO persons were yesterday confirmed dead as a result of an ensuing battle between two rival cult groups in Ughelli, headquarters of Ughelli Local Government Area of Delta State.

This came as 30 cultists were arrested in another Delta community, Irri, following Police crackdown on cultism in Isoko Local Government Area.

Though details of victims of Ughelli cult clash could not be confirmed at press time, one of them, simply identified as Baddest, was killed with a battle axe on Monday, along Orobase

Street, while the second was shot dead on Sunday at Ekrejebor axis of Ughelli.

Giving graphic details of the attack on *Baddest*, a witness who spoke on condition of anonymity, said his assailants numbering five, shot him severally.

It was learned that when he failed to succumb to the gun shots, his assailants inflicted deep cuts on him with battle axes and other weapons.

A source further disclosed that *Baddest* died from cuts sustained in the attack, as efforts were on to rush him to the hospital for medical attention.

Confirming the incident, a senior police officer attached to Ughelli A Police Station disclosed

that investigation into the incident was ongoing, saying the police were on top of the situation.

Meanwhile, the Police in Delta State yesterday arrested 30 persons at Irri in Isoko South Local Government Area for their alleged involvement in cult activities.

It was learned that the suspects who were members of various cult groups in the community, were arrested at about 3.30 am in a clampdown on cultists in the area.

Sources said those arrested included a cultist who had renounced his membership of a cult group after series of threat messages to him.

"He was in Police custody and because he renounced membership of his cult group, his

cult members were after him and they wanted to kill him, so he raised an alarm.

"He was the one that identified the cultists and over 30 of them were arrested," a source who spoke on condition of anonymity told journalists.

Reacting to the arrests, the chairman of Irri Community Development Committee, Mr. Goddey Igorigo, condemned cultism in the area and said the community was putting machinery in place to stamp out the menace.

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer of the state police command, Celestina Kalu, confirmed the arrests, saying the Police had commenced investigation into the matter.

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