

Like a bolt from the blue, Wednesday, 8th; Thursday, 9th; Friday; 10th and Saturday, 11th June, the peace in the city was shattered as many lives were lost and others maimed in the battle among cult groups operating around the Watt Market and adjoining areas in the central business area of Calabar. The battle involved cult groups, including Marvians, Ekpatt, Skyloo and Vikings which engaged in a supremacy battle with guns, axes, machetes, and kitchen knives and by the time the dust settled on Sunday morning, about 15 persons had lost their lives.