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YENAGOA—THE struggle for supremacy between suspected rival cult groups have claimed two lives in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State capital.



It was gathered that the incident occurred, Wednesday, at 9.30p.m., at the Ekeki and Kpansia suburbs of Yenagoa.

According to eyewitnesses, four arm-wielding youths accosted a 32-year-old man at the Ekeki park junction and shot him dead.

The victim, identified as Otoko, popularly known as *Oracle*, an indigene of Delta State, is believed to be a member of a rival cult.

Also at the Kpansia area, some suspected cultists, were reported to have stormed a *suya* spot, lured their victim with a girl and shot him at close range.

The victim was said to have died while being rushed to the hospital.

There had been increasing cases of burglary and stealing, cult-related killings and armed robbery in the state capital in recent times.

Spokesman of the State Police Command, Asanim Butswat, could not be reached for comment, but a senior security officer, attached to the anti-vice section of the command said police have achieved a lot in the area of arrests of cultists and criminals in the state.

He, however, added: "The setbacks are caused by poor logistics, shortage of patrol vehicles and refusal of the public to assist the police with vital information."