cult killings in Benue

Meanwhile, no fewer than six persons were confirmed dead as rival cults clashed in separate locations in Otukpo, headquarters of Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State.

Sources said: "Two of the victims were killed at a popular drug (marijuana) joint known as Banana Island, while another victim, who owns a barbing shop at Akpa Street, was shot outside his shop.

"The fourth was killed along Uloko lane, while others were killed at several locations as the killers went about their killing spree in the busy town. As we speak, there is palpable tension in Otukpo town."

Chairman of the Local Government, Mr. George Alli, who confirmed the development on phone stressed that "efforts are on top gear to apprehend masterminds of the heinous crime."