

## Cultists on the rampage, as Sapele LG chair reads riot act

Meanwhile, residents of Sapele, Delta State are reportedly living in fear as the cult war between two rival groups that allegedly claimed Tega, the 24-year-old boy last Tuesday seems not to have abated.

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It was gathered that following the death of the young man that his cult members came out on Wednesday to avenge his death as four persons were reportedly injured in the Oriaki area of the town.

A security source, who craved anonymity, disclosed that since Tega was killed, security agents have been battling with cult members every night.

“On Thursday, gunshots were heard all through the night at Urban Area and one of the suburbs of the town. The next day, over a hundred members of a cult group were said to have stormed the streets of Okirighwre openly daring security operatives in their regalia,” the source said.

A resident, Iyabo Samuel, told Vanguard that they now live in perpetual fear “in places like Ogunaja and Urban area. We are scared. We go to bed early,” adding that Sapele is becoming a haven for cultists.

Meanwhile, Chairman of Sapele Local Government Area, Eugene Inoaghan, has urged law enforcement agencies to deal decisively with anyone caught engaging in cultism, crime and other anti-social vices within Sapele and its environs.

He said development cannot take place in an environment where there is no peace and security of lives and property.

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