

Four die in Sapele cult war

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Four persons have been allegedly shot dead in the ancient city of Sapele, Delta state by suspected cultists.

Community sources told the Vanguard that the killing occurred between Tuesday and Wednesday, adding that those allegedly killed were three males and a female.

Three were allegedly shot along Mission road while the fourth one was along MacPherson road.

Vanguard gathered that one of those allegedly killed on Mission road operated a boutique and another had a drycleaning business on the road.

At press time, there was still tension and panic in the ancient city. "We are in fear in Sapele. Cultists have literally held the town hostage. This one is not killings by Fulani herdsmen but by our youths.

” They just want to destroy the glory of our Sapele, a home hospital to all.”

Meantime, when contacted for comment on the sad development the state Police Public relations officer, DSP Bright Edafe, said it was not true.

In his reply message, he simply said, : ‘ false’.

Sapele a city known in the 60s and 70s for its thriving sea Port business and the moribund Africa Timber Plywood, factory, ATP, is fast sliding into a city under siege with several lives lost to cult-related killings in the last two years.

” Government, security agencies and community leaders should take decisive actions against insecurity in this land arising from cult differences among youths and yahoo boys”, a resident who gave his name as Philip Tayo said.