

6 dead as cult groups clash in Anambra

About six people were reportedly killed in cult groups clash in Awka, the Anambra State capital, on Sunday.

It was learnt that the armed men suspected to be members of rival cult groups allegedly attacked some areas in the Okpuno, around Eke Awka and Obinagu.

A similar incident was also said to have happened at opposite Dike Park, around Eke Awka Market, all

in Awka, the state capital.

Although the reason for the shooting is yet to be officially ascertained, one of the sources who spoke to newsmen said the rampaging armed men might have engaged one another in a supremacy battle.

Those killed during the attack were on their way to picnic and other social functions when the rampaging armed men stormed the area in their

numbers and started shooting sporadically.

A resident in one of the areas said: "The victims were on their way to different functions when they were killed by the bullets from the armed men who stormed the area at about noon on Sunday.

"The incident also escalated to other areas, where some more persons were also gunned down by the armed men suspected to be

cultists."

It was gathered that one of the persons hit by bullets was a staff of the Anambra State Judiciary, identified as Nwofor, reportedly on his way to a function before the armed men struck.

Reacting, the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Ikenga Tochukwu, said he is yet to receive a report of the incident.