

Four killed, 14 arrested as two cult groups clash in Osun

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NO fewer than four persons were reportedly killed when two rival cult groups clashed in Ife-Ife, Osun State, on Tuesday, according to the state's command of the Nigeria Police.

The police command spokesperson, Mr Zachariah Abiodun, who confirmed the incident, said two life-

less bodies were recovered but residents of the town claimed four were killed.

Abiodun, however, confirmed that 14 persons have been arrested in connection with the incident.

Nigerian Tribune investigations revealed that trouble started since few days ago at Ondo area of the town, when a cultist was allegedly killed by a rival group during his

wedding ceremony.

Before the victim was killed, sources disclosed that the group that killed him had earlier warned him not to go ahead with the wedding, but he refused to heed the warning.

The group of the slain cult member reportedly mobilized for a reprisal, leading to the death of three members of the other group.

Consequently, many residents of the area where the incident happened have deserted the community.

The police spokesperson said that the tactical team from the command promptly swung into action to ensure orderliness in the area.

He said police officers are still deployed in the area to maintain peace while investigations are ongoing.

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