

Suspected cultists kill policeman, passerby in Ogun

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File Copy: Ogun Commissioner of Police, Lanre Ogunlowo

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A suspected cult clash in the Ilese area of Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State, has left a police officer and one yet-to-be-identified man dead.

PUNCH Metro learnt on Sunday from a community source—who requested anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the incident—that the clash erupted on Saturday night when suspected cultists stormed the area and began shooting sporadically.

The source said the attackers killed a police officer and another man whose identity had yet to be ascertained. He added that the violence was believed to be a confrontation between members of the Aiye confraternity and the Eiye confraternity.

The source stated, “Tragedy struck last night around 10 p.m. at Ilese via Ijebu-Ode, as two individuals were killed in a suspected cult clash between Aye and Eiye confraternities.

“One of the victims is a police officer serving at Obalende Division, Ijebu-Ode. He is known as Olamilekan, while the second person was unknown. They were shooting sporadically when they stormed the area and left residents in panic.”

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When contacted on Sunday, the Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Lanre Ogunlowo, confirmed the incident but said he was yet to receive a full briefing on the circumstances surrounding the attack.

He said, “I can confirm that a police officer was a victim in the incident. I am still waiting for the details of what really happened.”

Police officers have been victims of violent attacks in recent weeks.

PUNCH Metro reported last Tuesday that five police officers were killed and two others injured in what the Nigeria Police described as an ambush by suspected gunmen in Sabon Sara village, Darazo Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

The attack occurred less than three days after another police officer was confirmed dead in the Federal Capital Territory while repelling gunmen attempting to abduct residents.