

# OPC member stabbed to death during meeting in Lagos

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A member of the Oodua People's Congress, identified as Sunday and popularly known as Gobe, has been killed during a dispute over allegedly stolen puppies in the Egbeda area of Lagos State.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the incident occurred on Monday, December 15.

The Oodua People's Congress is a Yoruba nationalist, regionalist and vigilante organisation in Nigeria.

It was gathered that the group was holding a meeting at its office — a fenced, undeveloped plot of land on Shallom Street in the community — when an argument broke out between Sunday and his colleague, identified simply as

Mopol.

According to an eyewitness who identified himself simply as Sesan, the dispute later escalated into a physical confrontation, during which both men reportedly attacked each other with broken bottles.

“They were having their meeting when a fight suddenly broke out between Sunday and Mopol. Sunday was said to have accused Mopol of being responsible for some of his missing puppies, which he was rearing.

“In the course of the fight, Sunday was stabbed by Mopol and sustained fatal injuries,” he said.

Sesan added that instead of seeking immediate medical attention, the victim was seen walking around the premises before he suddenly collapsed.

After collapsing, *PUNCH Metro* gathered that he was rushed to several hospitals but was turned away before he eventually died.

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While receiving news of Sunday’s passing, our correspondent learnt that Mopol reportedly fled the community to avoid being apprehended.

Another resident, who did not want his name in print for security reasons, told *PUNCH Metro* that hours after news of Sunday’s death spread, his associates stormed the area and attacked the group’s makeshift office.

“His friends who heard what happened rushed here, went straight to the office and set it ablaze. All the items in the office, such as furniture and clothing, were burnt,” the resident said.

Speaking on the reaction of the deceased’s father, the resident added, “Sunday’s father is a herbalist and lives at Abule-Odu. When he was informed of his son’s death, he said he had earlier expressed fears about his safety and warned him not to leave the house on the day of the incident.”

Our correspondent further learnt that the police visited the scene and arrested some members of the group, who were later released after questioning.

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Upon arrival at the scene, PUNCH Metro learnt that the police evacuated Sunday’s body to a mortuary, from where it was released to his family for burial three days after the incident.

Efforts to get a reaction from the Lagos State Police Command were unsuccessful, as calls made to the telephone line of its Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Adebisi, were not answered. A text message sent to her had yet to be replied to as of the time of filing this report.