

# Suspected cult clashes leave two dead in Lagos, Ogun

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Two adult males have been killed in separate suspected cult-related attacks in Lagos and Ogun States.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the first incident occurred on Saturday around the Federal College of Education (Technical), Akoka, in Yaba, while the second took place in the Magboro area of Ogun State.

The victim in the Akoka incident was reportedly hacked to death after being attacked by about six suspected cultists.

A police source, speaking on condition of anonymity due to lack of authorization to speak for the command, described the attack on Tuesday as a suspected reprisal.

“The victim was accosted along the axis leading to the school gate, and what started as a confrontation led to a fight. He was stabbed in the head in the process. It was later discovered that the assailants were suspected cultists,” the source said.

In a video seen by *PUNCH Metro* on Tuesday, the deceased’s body was lying by the roadside.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Adebisi, confirmed the incident, adding that one suspect had been arrested.

“One suspect has been arrested in connection with the incident. Investigation is ongoing,” she said.

In Magboro, *PUNCH Metro* gathered that the victim in the Gas Line area was a suspected Eije cult member identified as Cegaga.

According to insiders, he was stabbed to death during a clash involving rival cult groups in the community.

The incident, our correspondents gathered, occurred on Saturday around 11pm, following a disagreement between the deceased and a suspected Buccaneer member identified as Corner over money issues.

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A suspected Vikings member, identified as Troup, who was reportedly at the scene, allegedly took sides in the dispute and stabbed the victim.

Residents said the victim’s body was discovered the following morning.

A resident who requested anonymity for security reasons said, “I didn’t witness the clash. I only came back to see that someone had been killed.”

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Also speaking, a trader who asked not to be named said, “We had closed for the day.” It happened at midnight, and we only saw the body when we resumed work the next morning.”

It was gathered that tension had heightened in the community due to recurring cult-related violence in recent weeks.

Another resident, who identified himself as Suleiman, told PUNCH Metro on Tuesday that such incidents had become frequent.

He said, “We have been experiencing a series of cult attacks in the area over the past few weeks. The one that happened on Saturday is just one of many incidents.

“We rarely experience situations like this, but it is now becoming regular. We need the intervention of the authorities before it escalates.”

The Ogun State Police Command spokesperson, Oluseyi Babaseyi, could not be reached for comment, as calls to his telephone lines went unanswered.

A text message sent to him had not been replied to at the time of filing this report.

*PUNCH Metro* had reported on March 3 that two suspected cultists, identified as Monday and Efe, were shot dead in a fresh wave of cult-related violence in the Ojo area of Lagos State.