

Bride's father, hypeman shot dead at Lagos wedding party

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There was pandemonium on Saturday after a yet-to-be-identified father of a bride and a hypeman, identified simply as Victor, were shot dead by suspected cultists on Governor's Road in the Ikotun area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the incident occurred on Oviawe Street in the community shortly after a wedding ceremony had been concluded and guests had moved to an after-party.

It was gathered that the assailants stormed the venue while the celebration was still ongoing, as guests scampered for safety.

A resident who identified himself simply as Tosin said Victor was entertaining guests when the attackers struck.

He said, “They were holding an after-party after the wedding ceremony was held at an event centre on Governor’s Road. It was during the celebration that the gunmen entered their midst and opened fire indiscriminately.

“This made everyone present run for their lives. They then went straight to Victor, dragged him outside onto the street and started hitting him with dangerous weapons.”

Another resident, who did not want his name mentioned due to the sensitive nature of the incident, said the bride’s father, who was uncomfortable with the attack, decided to intervene and was shot in the process.

“When the gunmen were beating Victor, the bride’s father rushed to the spot to intervene and plead for him. It was in the process that the gunmen shot both of them. They died on the spot.”

It was gathered that the incident threw the community into confusion, as residents and business owners rushed indoors.

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The source further disclosed that the attack might not have been directly connected to the wedding but could be linked to ongoing rival cult clashes in the community.

“This area has been experiencing cult-related issues for some time. It is possible that the attackers were trailing someone or targeting a rival, but innocent people ended up as victims,” the source added.

Speaking about one of the victims, a resident who preferred to be called Steve, said Victor was a known person in the community.

“I was inside when my wife told me that something had happened outside. When I got outside, I was told Victor was involved in the incident. It was later that I realised that he was someone I usually see on our street. He has a small stature.”