

Lagos shawarma vendor shot dead by suspected cultists

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A shawarma vendor identified simply as Andy has been shot dead by suspected cultists in the Sangotedo area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro learnt on Monday that the incident occurred on Saturday evening.

It was gathered that Andy was attending to customers at his shawarma stand when some masked men stormed the spot and opened fire on him at close range.

The attackers were said to have fled immediately after the shooting, leaving the victim in a pool of blood.

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A police source familiar with the incident told PUNCH Metro on Monday that the assailants allegedly disguised themselves as customers before launching the attack.

“The information we received was that the suspects came to the spot pretending to be customers who wanted to buy shawarma.

“The victim was attending to them when they suddenly brought out guns and shot him in the head before escaping.

“Our officers later moved to the scene and saw the lifeless body in a pool of blood. The body was later evacuated from the scene,” the source said.

The police source added that the incident had yet to be linked to cultism until investigations were concluded.

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Meanwhile, an anti-cultism platform, Confra Naija, in a post seen by *PUNCH Metro* on Monday, stated that the incident was cult-related.

The platform also described the deceased as peaceful and hardworking.

“Yesterday, a young man named Andy, popularly known as Aboki De Junior, was shot dead around the ShopRite area of Sangotedo, Lagos State. Armed men reportedly arrived at Aboki De Junior’s shawarma spot and opened fire,

killing him.

“After the attack, Eiye cultists claimed responsibility. Aboki De Junior was a peaceful and hardworking shawarma seller from Benue State, known as a calm and friendly businessman who welcomed everybody and had Aye members as friends,” the platform partly wrote.

In a video attached to the post, some residents were seen gathered around the lifeless body while some of them wept over the incident.

A female adult believed to be related to the victim was also seen clutching the lifeless body and crying uncontrollably.

The spokesperson for the state police command, Abimbola Adebisi, could not be reached for comment as calls made to her telephone lines were not answered. A text message sent to her had yet to be replied to as of the time this report was filed.

Lagos State has witnessed a series of cult-related killings and reprisals in recent years, particularly in areas within the Lekki-Ajah axis, Ikorodu, Mushin, and parts of Lagos Mainland, where rival groups have repeatedly clashed over supremacy battles.

PUNCH Metro reported in August 2025 that a shawarma vendor was shot dead by some assailants suspected to be cultists at his shop located in the Mowo area along the Badagry Expressway, Lagos State.