

# 1 killed during cult clash in Lagos, 5 suspects nabbed

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**The Lagos State Police Command has arrested five suspected cultists following a violent clash between rival cult groups in the Onireke and Isashi areas of the state.**

One person was killed during the cult war.

According to Lagos State police public relations officer (PPRO) SP Abimbola Adebisi the swift, coordinated response of the tactical squad operatives of the Command prevented further attacks.

She said the intervention of the police restored normalcy to the area, and reinforced the police presence in the community.

She said the police also assured the people of adequate security and safety in the affected areas.

Giving a graphic account of what transpired, she said that

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On October 4, 2025, tactical squad operatives of the Command responded to a distress call reporting a violent clash between suspected rival cult groups in the Onireke and Isashi areas of the state.

“ Acting swiftly, the commanders of the tactical squad operatives and the Divisional Police Officer, led crack tactical operatives and detectives from the police division to the scene, where three victims were rushed to the hospital for urgent medical attention. Unfortunately, one of the victims was later confirmed dead by the doctor on duty at Badagry General Hospital.

“An immediate raid of the entire area by the joint police team comprising the conventional police team, tactical squad units, and other detectives led to the arrest of five of the suspects directly responsible for the attack and death of the victim at a hotel in the locality. A thorough search of the premises and the operational vehicle of the arrested cultists led to the recovery of firearms, ammunition, and other dangerous weapons used in cult clashes.

“ Exhibits recovered include: one locally-made pistol, two pump-action guns, 52 live cartridges, two expended cartridges, one Toyota Avalon with registration number :KTU 610 JB, one HP laptop, one computer mouse, one car key, one cutlass, one Federal Republic of Nigeria International Passport ,bearing the name: Ekomafe Gregory Dickson, two Samsung Android phones, two iPhones, one additional Android phone, and one small Nokia phone. All recovered items have been properly documented and registered as exhibits for ongoing investigation.

“The suspects are currently detained in police custody and will be charged to a court of competent jurisdiction upon completion of the investigation.

Meanwhile, efforts are being intensified to apprehend other members of the cult still at large, while the police patrol teams and tactical squads have been deployed to the affected area. The location is under close police surveillance to prevent any reprisal attacks, protect lives and property, and ensure sustained public safety throughout the state.

“ Commissioner of Police, Olohundare Jimoh, commends the professionalism and swift response of the operatives, reaffirming the Command’s unwavering determination to stamp out cultism and related crimes across the state. He urges residents to remain law-abiding, security-conscious, and to promptly report suspicious activities to the nearest police formation.”