

## THE BIG STORY

# Soldiers shot, stabbed two people to death - Police

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Police in Ogun State, yesterday, alleged that some soldiers believed to be attached to Ikeja Cantonment shot and stabbed two civilians to death when a festival turned violent in Isheri Olofin community, a border town between Lagos and Ogun states.

Daily Trust gathered that the yearly 'Isheri Day' festival was on Monday night marred by shooting when violence broke out resulting into three deaths, while others were injured, including a military officer.

It was further gathered that

hell was let loose when a young man, who was reportedly hit by a stray bullet, died on the spot. Two others reportedly died in the hospital from gunshot wounds during a confrontation between some youths and soldiers.

Police spokesman in Ogun State, Abimbola Oyeyemi, in a statement on Wednesday alleged that the shooting was carried out by some suspected soldiers from Ikeja Cantonment.

He said the suspected soldiers who had left their duty posts had "minor disagreement" with some youths in the area, a development which made them (soldiers) shoot sporadically into

the air.

He said one Damilare Adelani was hit by bullets and died on the spot.

Oyeyemi further said that irate youths launched an attack on the 'soldiers', injured one of them and three other civilians.

He said the incident assumed another dimension when the military men took their injured colleague for treatment at an unnamed hospital.

Quoting officials at the hospital, the police spokesman said the 'soldiers', at gun point, ordered a doctor attending to an injured civilian to stop and attend to their colleague.

"They (soldiers) then dragged the patient off the bed and subsequently stabbed him to death with the bayonet attached to a rifle," Oyeyemi said in the statement.

He disclosed that the State's Commissioner of Police, Bashir Makama, has ordered a full scale investigation into incident with a view to bringing the suspects to justice.

"Meanwhile, the command has contacted the military authorities in Ogun State and efforts are in place to ensure that the suspected killer(s) are brought to book," the statement added.