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11 killed in OPC, rival group clash in Ibadan

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No fewer than 11 people were reported killed in Inalende and Abebi areas of Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, following clashes between suspected members of the O'odua Peoples Congress (OPC) and youths.

Our correspondent learnt that members of the OPC had mobilised their members for reprisal attack on the youths in the areas.

Residents said six people were killed last night when the militant group stormed the areas to avenge

an attack on their members by the youth.

Daily Trust Saturday gathered that four OPC members were killed while they also killed seven boys in the Oopo area.

A neighbour of one of the victims, Qudri Alausa said, "As I speak with you, the OPC has begun to mobilise their members to attack Oopo youths again. In fact, we heard they told police to steer clear of the area. Just stay where you are. Don't move around, please."

Another resident who spoke with our correspondent on phone

said residents could go out of their houses but security agents appeared helpless.

The police public relations officer in the state, Adewale Osifeso, who confirmed the incident, however, said he could not give the number of casualties involved.

"The story is true. Investigations are ongoing to establish the number of casualties and circumstances that led to the incident. Meanwhile, additional operatives have been deployed to the scene to maintain law and order. You will be updated in due course, please," Osifeso said.