

# Tension in Osun as cultists kill 7 youths

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There was tension yesterday in Ilesa, Osun State, as seven youths were killed during a clash between two rival cult groups.

The violence erupted around Idasa and spread to Ifofim, Brewery and Irojo as members of Eye and Aye confraternities clashed.

It was gathered that the leader of the Aye cult group, identified

as Job Akinola aka Olupoti, was killed on Saturday during the All Progressives Congress (APC) gubernatorial primary election in Ward 6, Odogbo-Ijesa, Atakunmosa East Local Government Area.

Olupoti group went for revenge yesterday and the resultant clash caused panic in the town as residents lamented that cultists were killing themselves like fowls.

The police spokesperson in the state, Yemisi Opalola, told City &

Crime that five people were killed during the clash.

Our correspondent gathered that policemen and men of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) evacuated seven corpses from the scenes of the violence.

The NSCDC spokesman in the state, Atanda Olabisi, said law enforcement agents were on top of the situation and that peace had been restored to the affected areas.



■ Osun CP, Wale Olokode