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Rival cult groups at the weekend clashed in Ijebu Ode, Ogun State, leaving three people dead.

LEADERSHIP Sunday gathered that one person was killed on Friday while the other two were killed early yesterday morning.

Investigation revealed that the clash was between the Aiye and the Eiye cult groups, and that the clash in the recent time has resulted in the deaths of over 18 persons.

It was gathered that the Eiye cult group on Friday stormed Ita Alapo area of Ijebu Ode and killed one boy, identified as Tolu Adam. The Aiye group then launched a reprisal attack yesterday morning killing two persons.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the cult clashes were getting out of control saying Tolu was killed in front of his father's house. "I was in my balcony last night relaxing as there was no light and I saw Tolu eating outside their house with his father; it was about 9pm. Then I heard a gunshot and

everywhere was scattered. In a moment, the whole area was silent and the boys zoomed off on a motorbike.

"I was later told that he belonged to a cult group which I never knew he was into. But all the same, I think he was paid back in his own coin," the eyewitness said.

Yesterday morning, the Aiye cult group stormed Moslem Primary School along Ondo road where a weekend football set was being played and killed one Eiye cult member, identified as Murphy.

The Aiye cult boys reconvened again and traced another Eiye member to the mortuary, where he had gone to see the corpse of his friend who had just been killed.

Our correspondent, who was at the mortuary to ascertain the story saw the cult boys dragging a young man believed to be a friend to the deceased and shot him in the head, leaving him in the pool of his blood.

"He came to see the remains of Murphy. They were very close and belong to the same cult group. Somebody called him on phone this morning and informed him of his friend's death. He rushed down here to see him only to be killed by the same boys who killed his friend", a source who declined to be named explained.

The whole area was later barricaded when men of the Nigeria Police Force and the military force popularly called OP MESA arrived.

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