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A cult clash in the Shomolu area of Lagos State has claimed the life of Isiaka Oyefeso, a trader at the Yaba market.

Oyefeso was killed at about 9.45pm on July 30 in front of his Abimbola Lane, off Okesuna Street, Shomolu home, while relaxing after his return from the market.

The deceased and some others in the neighborhood were attacked by warring cult groups who reportedly came from Bariga area to fight their Shomolu rivals.

It was gathered that the cults, comprising members of Eiye, overwhelmed the policemen attached to Alade Police Station as they shot sporadically at innocent people without any challenge of any form from policemen.

Oyefeso was hit severally by bullets and also got machete cuts on different parts of his body. He was rushed to nearby Oguntolu General Hospital where he died. Some others who were also injured are still being treated at an undisclosed hospital.

Neighbours told The Nation that Oyefeso was a peace-loving man killed for no reason. Eyewitnesses said the suspected cultists numbering over 100 wore T-shirts marked 'Axe' at the back. They were allegedly shouting "axe men ... axe men!"

Residents alleged that the attacks have been frequent in the last two months and despite the fact that security operatives are in the know, they have done nothing to stop them.

A resident, who spoke under anonymity, told The Nation that the cultists also robbed residents of valuables during every attack, adding: "We are no longer safe here. These hoodlums come here occasionally to steal, rape and kill people at will. We have reported severally to the police but they are not helping matters. The crisis is between Eiye and Aiye group. We are begging the commissioner of police to step in and help save the situation before these boys kill every one of us in this area.

"These criminals have their hideouts in Idi-Araba, somewhere around Olorunkemi Street and Ladi-Lak in Bariga and operatives at Alade Police Station, Shomolu are aware of this. Why they have refused to arrest them is what we do not understand. Most residents now believe that the police are protecting these criminals and it is not a good thing for the society."

Efforts to reach the police spokesperson, Ngozi Braide, a Deputy Superintendent (DSP), for comments yesterday, failed.

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