

IX persons have been killed in a clash between rival cult groups in Ikere-Ekiti, head-quarters of Ikere council area of Ekiti State.

The clash started on Saturday when a cult suspect Ojuale was shot dead near tkere City Hall in Odo Oja area of the town.

It was gathered that Ojuale, an indigene of the

Six killed in Ekiti cult clash

From Rasaq Ibrahim,

Ado-Ekiti

Harcount on Friday to attend a wedding ceremony before he was killed.

As a result of the development, Ojuale's group launched a reprisal attack on the gang the killed their man.

Police spokesman Sunday Abutu confirmed the development, appealing for calm among residents.

Abutu said 10 suspects have been arrested in connection with the clash.

Abutu confirmed that six persons died in the

skirmishes.

"We have begun serious operations there by combined forces of the men of the Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Army, *Amotekun* corps and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps," he said.

There is increased police surveillance in the town.

Police detain officials for extorting UAE returnee of N200 000