

3 killed, vehicles destroyed in Lagos cult groups clash

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THREE people were on Monday morning killed in a clash between members of suspected cult groups in Mile 12 area of Lagos State.

Three vehicles were also set ablaze in a reprisal from suspected cult members of the deceased victims of the initial attack.

It was gathered that two

of the victims died on the spot, while the third person died at the hospital where he was taken to.

The timely intervention of operatives of the Rapid Response Squad (RRS) and the Area Commander in-charge of Area G saved the situation from snowballing into a more serious problem.

The police in the state confirmed the incident and added that policemen had been deployed to the com-

munity to prevent further clashes.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that trouble started when some armed youths allegedly invaded Oniyanrin area of Mile 12 market and stabbed three persons.

Following that attack, the other group mobilised themselves and went on the rampage, setting ablaze three vehicles parked in the area.

A resident of the area who

identified himself as Francis said: "On my way to the office this morning, I heard gunshots and we all ran into different directions.

"We were told that some guys came to attack their rival at Oniyanrin community and that three of them were stabbed."

A community leader at Maldan Orile, Babatunde Ismaila, said the hoodlums are suspected cult members and do not live in the community.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bala Elkana, could, however, not be reached as of the time of filing this report as calls to his mobile phone line were not answered.

The police in the state, however, on its verified Twitter handle, said "police have restored law and order to Oniyanrin, Mile 12. Area Commander, DPO, RRS and Task Force are on ground to forestall further attacks."

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