

# Two Persons Allegedly Shot Dead As Amotekun Operatives Clash With Youths In Ibarapa Community

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Two 20-year-old youths from Obada community of Ibarapa North local government area of Oyo State were, on Wednesday, shot dead during a clash with members of the State Security Network otherwise known as Amotekun Security Corps, Nigerian Tribune authoritatively gathered.

Credible sources informed our correspondent that the incident occurred when the Amotekun operatives were patrolling Tapa community around 10.30 pm.

According to one of the sources, who pleaded anonymity, the Amotekun operatives in Ibarapa North local government were on patrol at Tapa and “while attempting to prevent boys of Obada area from holding a carnival a fight broke up between them.”

He added that Amotekun operatives started firing indiscriminately and in the ensuing melee, their bullets hit about five boys at different locations, leading to the death of two young boys.

The victims are one Razak Odugbemi (20yrs) of Olukotun compound, Tapa whose parent claimed was at the veranda of their house when the bullets hit him.

The second victim was a 20-year-old Lekan Ogunlade both of whom were confirmed dead at General hospital, Ayete, while three others have been transferred to the various hospital at Igboora after sustaining various degrees of injuries.

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Speaking on the incident, the Commandant of Amotekun Security Corps in Oyo State, Colonel Olayinka Olayanju (rtd) confirmed the incident, saying personnel of the security outfit responded to gunshots fired at them by the boys.

He said “I am just coming back to Ibadan from Ibarapa North local government. I visited the scene of the incident. The preliminary investigation revealed that some youths were organising carnival in Obada and our men attempted to disperse them. Some of them fired gunshots at our operatives and they responded.

“Two of the youth were shot and have been confirmed dead. That is the situation for now. But, we are still investigating the incident,” Olayanju explained.

## We are investigating the cause of the shooting – Police

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of Oyo State Police Command, Mr Olugbenga Fadeyi confirmed the incident, but he did not specify the number of persons shot during the incident.

Fadeyi stated that “on the receipt of the incident, the DPO of Ayete moved in to ascertain the immediate and remote cause of the shooting and investigation has commenced and further development will unfold to find answers to the cause of the shooting.”

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