

# 2 Police arrest 11 as cultists kill one in Osun clash

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TWO rival cult groups on Monday clashed in Osogbo, the Osun State capital, leaving one person dead and two others injured.

Meanwhile, police operatives, in collaboration with Amotekun personnel, have apprehended 11 suspected cultists who are currently being interrogated by the command.

The cultists, who engaged each other at Owo-Ope area at about 11:00 a.m, used dif-

ferent dangerous weapons in the clash that lasted for several hours.

Armed with guns, clubs, charms, cutlasses, broken bottles, cudgels and other dangerous weapons, the cultists disrupted the peace of the area and created heavy logjam.

It was gathered that even when security operatives got to the area, the cultists engaged them in a gun battle, before they were overpowered and some of them arrested.

While some were arrested

at the scene of the clash, it was gathered that others were nabbed at their different hideouts at Ayetoro, Eg-batedo, Sabo and other areas of the town.

Speaking on the incident, spokesperson for the state police command, Mrs Yemisi Opalola, said 11 suspects had been arrested in connection with the clash.

She said: "A suspected cultist was killed at Ayetoro, but security operatives have brought the situation under control.

"We raided some black spots in the state capital with the State Joint Task Force after some rival cultist groups engaged themselves in a shootout, leading to the death of a yet-to-be identified suspected cultist.

"During the raid, some of them opened fire on our operatives and, in the process, a cultist was shot in the leg. He is presently at the police clinic for treatment; he will later be interrogated in order to obtain more information from him."