

# Osun Osogbo festival ends in turmoil, three killed, 10 injured

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THIS year's edition of the Osun Osogbo festival in Osogbo, Osun State, ended on a sad note on Friday with the discovery of bodies of three unidentified persons believed to be victims of violence around the Osun Osogbo grove.

Also on Friday, an attack on the office of the Hunters and Forest Security Service located within the same community as the grove left 10 personnel of the service injured.

Both incidents, sources said, followed an earlier clash involving the use of charms between members of the Odua

Peoples Congress (OPC) and the vigilantes inside the Osun Osogbo grove.

The chairman of the hunters Association, Ahmed Nureni, said: "Three bodies were sighted around the grove while 10 members of the group were also injured.

"We sighted three dead bodies, but we don't know their identities. Meanwhile, our office at the Jaleyemi area was also vandalised and in the process, 10 personnel were injured."

Injured persons numbering about eight were seen being taken to a certain hospital in Osogbo. Some of the patients

were given prompt attention while others were rejected by the hospital.

***Saturday Tribune*** correspondent observed deep machete cuts on the body of one of those taken to the hospital.

When contacted for comment, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs Yemisi Opalola, said she had yet to be briefed on the incidents.

However, a senior police officer who spoke with ***Saturday Tribune*** on condition of anonymity, confirmed sighting bodies at different locations in the town.

He stated that his men even took some machete and gunshot victims to hospitals.