

# One killed, two buildings razed in suspected Kwara cult attack

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**O**NE person was reportedly killed, while two buildings were set ablaze as two rival groups, suspected to be cultists, clashed on Tuesday morning at Eyenkorin community in Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State.

*Nigerian Tribune* gathered that the incident occurred at about 4:50a.m. when fire was set on a building by members of one of the groups.

It was also gathered that one person died in the attack, while relatives of the victim went on a reprisal to set on fire the building of a leader of those who carried out the attack.

It took the intervention of

personnel of the state fire service and the police to prevent further destruction.

Head, Media and Publicity of Kwara State Fire Service, Hassan Adekunle, who confirmed the incident in a statement, said: "The attackers prevented occupants and sympathisers from putting out the fire, ensuring maximum destruction.

"Two buildings were reduced to ashes at Eyenkorin, Asa Local Government, on Tuesday, April 30.

"The Kwara State Fire Service responded promptly to a distress call at approximately 4:50a.m., only to find two structures engulfed in flames.

"One building, comprising six rooms and another with four rooms, were completely

razed by the fire.

"The inferno left nothing but ruins in its wake, a stark reminder of the devastating consequences of violence and hatred.

"Investigations revealed a sinister plot, as the inferno was deliberately set by a rival group during the clash. One life was lost and the bereaved group exerted revenge by

targeting the home of the opposing group's leader, leaving two houses in ruins.

"The attackers prevented occupants and sympathisers from putting out the fire, ensuring maximum destruction.

"Thanks to the swift response of the fire crew and the divisional police station, further destruction was prevented," Adekunle said.