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Three killed as cultists, OPC **clash** in Ogun

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Palpable tension has gripped residents of Ifo, Ogun State, as no fewer than three men have been reportedly killed in separate clashes between Sunday and Monday.

The deaths were a fallout of an inter-cult clash on one hand and another one involving some suspected cultists and members of the Oodua Peoples Congress.

Details of the clashes, over which clashes the police have arrested four suspects, were as varied as the scars of the violent, which were said to have broken out on Sunday night.

While the police told our correspondent that the ${\it clash}$ was between some hoodlums and members of the OPC, the Chairman of Ifo Local Government, Alhaji Sikirulai Ogundele, claimed that the combatants were engaged in a land dispute.

Distressed residents of the town, who spoke to our correspondent, explained that a cult

group, simply identified as Eye Confraternity, had clashed with a rival gang, over a lady that was allegedly raped to death by the former.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Muyiwa Adejobi, who spoke to our correspondent on the telephone on Monday, however, admitted that only one person died in the violence.

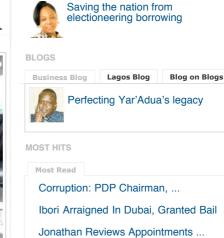
Adejobi said, "The **clash** was between some <u>hoodlums</u> and the OPC. I don't know if the boys are cultists but I know they were hoodlums. It is still very difficult to say what led to the clashes and I can't say those who were involved. We have arrested four suspects already but the details are still very scanty; but after investigations, they suspects will soon appear in court.

"The area is calm now as the police are under the control of an Assistant Commissioner of Police, Operations, in the state command, Mr. James Jawal,"

The PPRO added that over 80 policemen had been deployed in the troubled town. Some residents had expressed fear that some cult members from other parts of the state had been mobilised to the town in readiness fore reprisal attack, as one of the victims of the mayhem was said to be a leader

of a cult group and a political office-holder in the local government.

A resident told our correspondent that some cult boys loyal to one of the deceased, simply identified as



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Custom(search) Muritala, allegedly raped a girl to death.

This was said to have infuriated another cult group, said to be sympathetic to allies of the deceased lady.

"So, what happened on Sunday was a reprisal attack but another clash may still be in line as some strange people have been seen in Ifo today (Monday). It is suspected that their mission is to ensure that those who killed Muritala are dealt with. Everywhere is tense and may people cannot even come out of their houses," said the resident, who craved anonymity.

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This madness will not stop until GUN is legalized for everybody. Imagine one mans graduate son was kill in his presence, he couldn't do any thing, if he have gun it would have been a case of fight to finish. how many are they? they will paralyze activities in a whole town. since they are the one who have gun.

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