

One dies in Lagos cultists' clash

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• Mile 12 area

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There was tension on Monday when suspected members of the *Eiye* Confraternity invaded Agiliti area of Mile 12, Lagos State, and allegedly stabbed a member of the *Aiye* Confraternity to death.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the clash was a reprisal following an attack reportedly carried out by members of the *Aiye* Confraternity, which led to the death of an *Eiyemember* last week.

However, during Monday's attack, which occurred around 1pm, it was learnt that residents and business owners in the area were caught off guard.

Some of the residents were said to have abandoned their homes and fled the area.

To restore normalcy, it was learnt that men of the state police command were drafted to the area to arrest the suspects.

An eyewitness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the cultist, who was attacked, died on the spot.

“The cultists have been clashing in the area. On Monday, around 1pm, a member of the *Eiye* Confraternity went to the Agiliti area and attacked an *Aiye* cultist. He stabbed his rival, who died due to the injuries he sustained,” he stated.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Bala Elkana, said personnel of the command had been raiding the area to arrest cultists so that normalcy could be restored.

He said, “I am aware of the incident; it was a reprisal by members of the *Eiye* Confraternity. Members of the *Aiye* Confraternity led an attack on the *Eiye* members last week and the *Eiye* group staged a reprisal on Monday and killed a member of the *Aiye* Confraternity.

“Operation is ongoing presently in the area and our personnel have been raiding the place since Monday to restore normalcy in the area.”