Police arrest two as cult clashes linger in Sagamu

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Ogun State Police Commissioner, Lanre Bankole

Many persons have been reportedly killed in Sagamu area of Ogun State as suspected cultists went on the rampage in the past few days.

Our correspondent gathered, on Tuesday, that anxiety has enveloped residents of the town, who reportedly said they could no longer sleep with their two eyes closed.

Our correspondent further gathered that there were heavy gunshots across the town on Monday night which created tension among residents.

It was gathered that one person was reportedly shot dead on Monday during the clash between rival cult groups.

A resident, Shittu Jamiu, said, "One thing that surprised me most is that most of them are childhood friends, schoolmates, friends and brothers. But suddenly, in the name of cultism, they turned to enemies."

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The Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole, on Tuesday visited the area to assess the situation and bring the situation under control.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said he could not confirm the number of those killed in the cult clashes.

"I don't know where people got such figure (of casualties) from. I don't know about the figure of 10 people being killed; but as of this morning, we have in our custody the most wanted cultists in Sagamu.

"In fact, they are two and the two of them are currently in our custody," Oyeyemi said.