Osun cultists hack rival to death

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A man, Quadri Agbefawo, has been killed in Osogbo, Osun State, by some assailants believed to be members of a cult.

Eyewitnesses said the hoodlums accosted Agbefawo around 2pm on Saturday at Abaku, Osogbo.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the deceased was trailed to the area by the assailants, who hit him with weapons and left him soaked in blood before they fled the scene.

A roadside grocery trader, who identified herself only as Titilayo, said, "We all fled as some boys carrying sticks, machetes and charms attacked Quadri (Agbefawo).

"He attempted to flee, but those that attacked him were many and they must have studied his movement.

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"He was left with serious injuries on his head. He bled to death on the spot. No one could go near him."

A reliable security source also told our correspondent that the deceased was on the watch list of the anti-cultism unit of the Osun State Command of the Nigeria Police Force for allegedly killing two people.

When contacted on Sunday, the spokesperson for the Osun State Police Command, Yemisi Opalola, confirmed the incident.

"It is true. It happened yesterday (Saturday)," she stated in a text message.