

# Probe begins as rampaging cultists kill three in Lagos



• One of the victims

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**T**HE Lagos State Police Command has begun investigation into a cult clash that claimed the lives of no fewer than three persons around Lady Lak, in the Bariga area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the development to our correspondent on Thursday.

He said, "No arrest has been made yet. The law only says cult groups, and that's all we need to convict them in court. But they are cultists, it is confirmed."

**PUNCH Metro** gathered that residents and people returning home from work were thrown into a panic during the cult clash that created tension late Wednesday.

In a video clip shared by a source in the area, our correspondent observed that the corpses of three yet-to-be-identified men were lying in a pool of blood with lacerations on the heads of two of the victims.

In the video clip, people in the area were also seen turning the corpses of the deceased victims to identify the corpses.

"Oh Idris, Serre get up," the

residents said as they were seen shedding tears and lamenting over the development.

Commenting on the incident, a source in the area said, "Shootings were heard in the area. Some people got injured. Nobody can say why they were fighting but the area is a cultists' den."

A resident in the community, James Taiwo, said three people were killed in the attack involving cult members in the community.

His chat on Twitter read, "Yesterday's clash resulted in the death of three cult members, one is a guy known as Sere, who's also a Yahoo boy but quite friendly and popular."

"The clash is a continuation of the power tussle which resulted in the death of one member of the Aiye Confraternity when they came to attend a birthday party outside their territory."

"Even though they took a big risk attending the party outside their territory, it wasn't members of the Aiye who attacked them, but members of their own Aiye cult group, after an argument ensued on leadership matters. The two factions are from the Idi Aba and Ogundola factions."

Meanwhile, a Twitter user, @ApcPdpN, who shared another video from the scene, urged the state governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, to beef up security in the state.

"Many lives lost in the ongoing war in Lagos State. This happened over the night in Bariga, another hideout for cultists and criminals. I charge at @jidesanwoolu to beef up the security in Lagos," the tweet read.