

# Two killed in Osun cult clash, residents fear reprisal

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Two men have been reportedly shot dead around Imo Area of Ilesa in Osun State by suspected cultists believed to be members of a rival cult group.

The incident which happened on Sunday threw the community into panic, as residents close to the scene when the incident happened scammed for safety to avoid being hit by bullets.

A resident of Imo, who was near Imo Junction, the scene of the incident, said the victims were popularly referred to as Machine and Skay.

Giving further details of how they were killed, the resident, who preferred anonymity, further said, “At Imo Junction, Ilesa on Sunday, two guys suspected to be cult members, identified as Machine and Skay, were shot dead in front of a beer parlour.

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“The reason behind the killing of these two persons is not known to us yet, but we are all scared that friends of those killed may retaliate today or any moment. The situation is still tense around here. Those that killed them are suspected to be members of a rival cult group.”

Another resident, Kolawole, said after the perpetrators of the attack had left the scene, a security van arrived in the area and evacuated the remains of the deceased.

Spokesperson for Osun State Police Command, Yemisi Opalola, who confirmed the incident during an interview with our correspondent on Monday, said the command had commenced investigation into the incident and expressed optimism that the perpetrators would be arrested.