

# Adeleke orders police, others to halt Osun cult killings

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Osun State Governor, Ademola Adeleke, on Wednesday directed security agencies in the state to end violent attacks in Ilesa which led to the death of about five residents in less than one week.

Findings by *PUNCH Metro* revealed that two rival cult groups identified as Aye and Eye had been locked in a bloody supremacy battle in the town recently.

The casualty figure rose to five after another attack at Oke Omiru Area of Ilesa Tuesday evening, during which a yet-to-be-identified resident was feared killed.

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Recall that on Sunday, two suspected cultists were shot dead at Imo Junction, while another two were killed around Sabo/Irojo Junction Tuesday afternoon in what was believed to be a revenge of the Imo killing.

The latest killing, which occurred about 7:49pm on Tuesday at Oke Omiru area, was said to be a reprisal of the earlier attack.

Reacting to the gradual descent to anarchy in Ilesa, Adeleke in a statement signed by his spokesperson, Olawale Rasheed, described the killing spree as 'shocking and reprehensible,' calling on the police and other security agencies to act decisively to stop the cult clashes.