

Two die in Ogun cult clash

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Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alamu

No fewer than two persons, identified as Sanni Ibrahim and Azeez Bada, have been confirmed brutally murdered in a suspected clash between rival cult groups in the Igbesa area of Ogun State on Monday.

PUNCH Metro gathered that trouble started at about 9pm when a group of boys numbering about 20 began chasing one another with dangerous weapons such as guns and cutlasses, in the community.

Our correspondent learnt that this threw the residents into a state of confusion as they scampered for safety.

Some residents, who were said to be returning to the community from work, were left stranded midway after they were informed of the violent clash.



PUNCH Metro further learnt that Ibrahim, suspected to be a member of one of the cult groups, was allegedly macheted to death right in front of his mother's house.

While this was ongoing, an 18-year-old Bada sustained a severe gunshot wound and was immediately taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. However, Bada was confirmed dead by a doctor on duty a few minutes later.

A *PUNCH Metro* source said, “It was a terrifying moment. Everyone was running for safety when these young guys started chasing each other with weapons. One of them was killed in front of his mother’s house here in the community. Another one later died of a gunshot wound.”

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When contacted on Tuesday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Omolola Odutola, who confirmed the incident, said one of the victims (Ibrahim) had allegedly participated in the killing of another suspect in 2022 and fled after committing the crime.

She said, “Sanni Ibrahim, who was allegedly killed, had been a subject of interest. Our preliminary investigation showed that he had allegedly participated in the killing of one person in the area in 2022. He absconded from the community after committing the crime.

“The family members of the second deceased person didn’t allow the police to take the corpse to the mortuary. They insisted that they wanted to bury their child.

“We have begun an operation to track down members of the cult groups involved in the incident.”

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The state commissioner of police, Abiodun Alamutu, had, during the incident, been in the area to investigate a land transaction that took place in the town.

Alamutu had said, “A land was sold, and some form of commission was paid by the owner of the land. A rival cult group got to know about the transaction and another group in a bid to get a share of the commission. The situation degenerated into an attack and counter-attack situation that started on Wednesday last week and continued till Sunday, leading to the deaths of eight people.”