

Panic as beheaded body found in Lagos

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Tension gripped the Idimu area of Lagos State on Sunday after residents discovered the bodies of two men, one of which was beheaded.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the killings occurred late Saturday night, but the corpses were only discovered on Sunday morning along Oladun Road.

When our correspondent visited the scene, the lifeless bodies were still lying several meters apart.

This also drew the attention of stunned residents and passersby who gathered around the bodies.

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A resident Lanre Ajao who spoke to PUNCH Metro identified one of the deceased as Baba Oja.

He said, “We woke up to see their lifeless bodies on the road this morning. We cannot immediately identify the one with a severed head but the other person is Baba Oja. He is very popular in this area.

“He was also known to always mingle with some boys who ran after flashy cars to collect money from the drivers around the Council bus stop. We still saw him yesterday controlling the traffic for some of the flashy cars.”

Another resident, Jamiu Raji, told PUNCH Metro that the nature of the killings indicated cult violence.

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“We found out that the incident was not just a fight. It is related to a cult attack because of the way the two of them were killed. However, incidents like this are not common in this area. That is why people were shocked to see this,” he said.

It was further gathered that the corpses remained at the scene for nearly 10 hours before police operatives eventually arrived.

The second corpse was later identified as that of another resident in the community whose name our correspondent could not ascertain as of press time.

Another resident who did not want his name in print for security reasons said the families of the deceased victims were made to part away with money before they could allow them to take the corpses away.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Benjamin Hundeyin, could not be reached as calls made to his phone were not responded to. A text message sent to him had yet to be responded to as of the time this report was filed.

PUNCH Metro reported that no fewer than three persons were killed in separate cult clashes in the Mushin area of Lagos State and the Lantoro area of Abeokuta, Ogun State capital in February.

The cult clashes stemmed from renewed disputes between members of the Aiye Confraternity and the Eiye Confraternity.