

# One Killed, 2 Injured In Cult Clash

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A 22-year-old man identified as Saheed was yesterday night shot dead by people suspected to be members of the dreaded cult group, Eiye, in Ijebu Ode, Ogun State.

The incident occurred at about 9.00 p.m at Awoyelu Street junction, directly opposite Ibadan motor park, Ijebu Ode. The cultists fled after shooting Saheed, who was selling bread at the junction.

"The three cultists emerged from an unknown place and when they spotted Saheed, who was trying to run away, they shouted "21 Swagger" and they shot him thrice. Two people were also injured by stray bullets. One of them was Saheed's uncle, a dumb man who sells bread with him at the junction.

"The third victim, a lady identified as Kehinde also sells fish at the park. The bullet hit her on the right thigh. The injured people were rushed to Ijebu Ode General Hospital for treatment," the eyewitness said.

*P.M.NEWS* learnt that the killers had been on the trail of the deceased since last year. He was said to be a member of a rival cult group called 'Aye'.

At the deceased's residence this morning, sympathisers were seen discussing in hushed tones, while his fiancée, Bola, was seen weeping.

A relation confided in *P.M.NEWS* that the late Saheed's death was a shock to his family, considering the way he was killed.

"The death of Saheed baffled us. He had been helping his aged grandmother to sell bread at the junction. Nobody knew he belonged to a cult group. He has a child through his former girlfriend. The child is with his mother at Irewon," the relation said.

Reacting to the incident, the Area Commander in Ijebu Division, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Christopher Obagunle, confirmed that his men got a call about the killing. Obagunle said investigation has commenced.

Meanwhile, barely ten minutes after the late Saheed's attackers fled, mobile policemen mounted a road block around the scene of the incident and made futile efforts to arrest innocent citizens. They were resisted and only the timely intervention of prominent citizens in the area prevented another bloodbath.

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