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5 Die As Cult Boys Clash

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At least five people have been shot dead on last Wednesday following a clash between two rival cult groups, the Eiye Confraternity and the Buccaneers.

The two cult groups comprised students of Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, MAPOLY, formerly Ogun State Polytechnic, Abeokuta, Ogun State, southwest Nigeria.

The bone of contention, *P.M NEWS* reliably gathered, was that <u>a member of Buccaneers</u> was allegedly killed by the Eiye Confraternity.

The Buccaneers in their bid to avenge the death of their member, stormed <u>Onikolobo</u> area of the state, adjudged to be the stronghold of the Eiye Confraternity and engaged them in a gun duel.

Sources told *P.M.NEWS* Thursday that the gun fight which lasted for hours at the Onikolobo area of the town on Wednesday, left five people dead after it ended.

One of the casualties of the cult attacks, an allegd member of the Eiye Confraternity identified as Samuel Awoniyi, was reportedly killed in Adigbe area of the state.

The late Awoniyi did his National Diploma, ND, at the institution.

Panic has now gripped residents of Oluwo, Onikolobo, Adigbe, Oloke, Ibare, Pansheke, and other communities around the school.

The areas have now been deserted as students and indigenes are scared of more reprisal attacks.

Although the atmosphere around the school premises was calm and peaceful when *P.M.NEWS* visited yesterday, but it was glaring that all his not well with the host communities of the institution.

All efforts to speak with the school's Public Relations Officer proved abortive as his call was not going through as at the time of filing this report.

The State Police Command PRO, Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident and said they have restored normalcy in the area.

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