

2 dead as youths, *Operation Burst* clash in Oyo

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TWO people have lost their lives at Iluju community in Oriire Local Government Area of Oyo State when youths clashed with the joint security task force of the state, codenamed *Operation Burst*.

The dead people, as gathered, comprised one civilian identified as Abiodun, and one security personnel attached to *Operation Burst*.

But it could not be immediately confirmed at the time of filing this report, whether the dead security personnel was a soldier or an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

The youth reportedly burnt the patrol van of the *Operation Burst*, and also went away with the firearm of the deceased security officer.

The town was said to have been deserted after many residents of the community heard that a security personnel believed to be a soldier, was killed. A number of residents of the community have reportedly relocated to Ogbomosho and other neighbouring communities to escape possible attacks by security agents.

The *Operation Burst* was said to have also given a 24-hour ultimatum to the youths of Iluju to return the rifle taken away by the hoodlums. Sources also reported that all roads leading to Iluju were barricaded by soldiers, who arrived at the town in five vehicles yesterday morning.

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