

6 killed, others injured as cultists clash in Lagos

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RAMPAGING rival cult groups engaged in a violent clash, yesterday, in the Oyingbo area of Lagos, leaving one person dead and others injured.

This is just as a similar crisis broke out Tuesday night in the Ibeshe area of Ikorodu, where five persons were feared dead.

The Oyingbo victim, identified simply as "Badoo" was said to have been hit by a bullet from the warring cultists while on his way to an unknown destination.

Help was far from the victim, who resided in the area, as everyone took to their heels. He was said to have bled to death.

The cultists, according to eyewitnesses, blocked alternative routes in the axis having accessed the area through Jebba and Oko-Baba streets and extended to Herbert Macauley, towards Adekunle and neighbouring streets.

Vehicular and human movements were hampered, while shop owners hurriedly closed for the day.

An eye witness, Moronfolu Abedoye, said: "Violence started at about noon and lasted for about 45 minutes before the intervention of policemen from Delton," adding that dangerous weapons, including guns were freely used by the cultists.

Another eyewitness, Mr Eriola Adedapo, said: "I boarded a commercial bus from Fadeyi en route Oyingbo to alight at the Post Office bus-stop. But the bus conductor delayed me due to lack of change. Out of annoyance, I followed the vehicle to the UBA area where I heard gunshots. We all ran for our lives and I ended up not collecting my N800 balance from the conductor."

A similar incident occurred Tuesday night in Ibeshe area of Ikorodu during which five persons were feared dead.

Vanguard gathered that some suspects had been arrested in connection with both crises.

Reacting, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, said two suspects had been arrested and weapons recovered.