

# Fear grips Ekiti community over killing of 5 persons in cult clash

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**ADO-EKITI**—There was confusion and fear in Ikere Ekiti, yesterday, as five persons were feared killed during a clash between two cult groups in the town.

*Vanguard* gathered that the Ikere Ekiti incident occurred Saturday night when one of the cultists identified as Ojuale was shot dead near Ikere City Hall, Odo Oja area of the town.

It was gathered that Ojuale, an indigene of the town, returned from Port Harcourt on Friday to attend a friend's wedding before he was killed by rival cult members.

Shortly after he was murdered, his members came out to torment residents of the area.

Although the cause of the violence was still unknown, yesterday, a resident of the town said five persons had been killed since the attacks started Saturday night.

The suspected cultists were said to have gone on a shooting spree leaving the community members scampering for safety.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Ekiti Command, ASP Sunday Abutu, confirmed the story, saying it happened between Saturday night and the early hours of Sunday.

He said: "I can confirm to you that it was a violent cult clash between two rival groups. About six persons have been killed as a result of a show of strength between the two nefarious groups."