

2 killed in Osun cult clash

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OSOGBO—A suspected cultist was Sunday evening shot dead by members of a rival cult group in Osogbo, Osun State capital.

This is coming three days after a suspected cultist was killed by a six-man gang at Oke-Ijetu area of Osogbo.

It was gathered that the boy was running towards Sasa market, Oke-Baale area of Osogbo from Obokun side, being chased by members of rival cult group numbering about six on motorcycles and was shouting 'Aiye, Aiye, Aiye'.

An eye witness, Usman Adekunle, said the assailant chased the deceased on a motorcycle around 5:05 pm and

caught up with him at Sasa junction, where he was shot and he died on the spot.

He said: "It was surprising to see some boys chasing another, who was running towards Sasa junction shouting, and they caught up him at the junction where he was killed.

"We all scampered for safety because they also took the gun of the deceased to harass many shop owners before they fled toward Obokun road," he said.

Osun State Police Command's spokesperson, Yemisi Opalola, confirmed the incident, saying the identity of the deceased is yet to be ascertained.

She said one suspect had been arrested in connection with the murder while effort is ongoing to apprehend other fleeing suspects.

"One Olarewaju Tosin, 21 residence of Eko-Ende road, Ikirun was arrested and effort is ongoing to arrest other fleeing suspects, as operatives of the State Criminal Investigation Department have taken over the matter," she said

The police spokesperson also added that the corpse of the deceased was taken to UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital morgue in Osogbo.

Earlier on Thursday, one suspected cultist with a 777 mark on his chest was killed by six suspected rival cult group members at the Oke-Ijetu area of the state capital.

The six-man gang after killing their target also robbed two POS owners, Victor Oyedeji and Usamat Abdulafees of the sum of N120,000 and N200,000 respectively.