

Motor boy shot dead, right wrist cut off by suspected cultists in Ibadan

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RESIDENTS of Awotan community along Apete-Akufo Road in Ibadan, Oyo State, were thrown into panic on Thursday evening when a 27-year-old man (name withheld), was brazenly shot to death by three suspected members of the Black Axe Confraternity, also known as Black Axe, in the full glare of passersby and commercial motorcyclists picking passengers by the roadside.

The incident occurred at about 5:00p.m. in front of the depot of a bottling company where the deceased was said to be working as a motor boy.

Not satisfied with their target's death, one of the sus-

pects reportedly pulled out an axe, cut off his right wrist and went away with it, as they drove off in great speed.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that two of the suspects who operated in a Lexus SUV hanged out their heads while driving away, pointing the gun into the air.

Information gathered revealed that the deceased was discussing with co-workers within the premises of the depot when he received a call, and people around the scene of the incident had noticed the Lexus car parked without paying any attention to it.

One of the occupants reportedly came out, gluing his phone to his ears as if he was making a call.

The sordid drama began when the deceased, who stepped outside the premises to see his caller, was sighted by the messengers of death.

Immediately, the caller snatched the phone from him as soon as he was seen coming while still conversing with his caller, and shot him at a close range, before his wrist was also severed from his arm with an axe.

Reports had it that the deceased allegedly belonged to Eiye Confraternity, Black Axe's rival cult group.

Nigerian Tribune was that the Eiye cult group the deceased allegedly belonged to had murdered an Aye cult member recently at Monatan area, and Thursday evening's

killing was in retaliation.

It was learnt that the area was immediately deserted as people scampered for safety.

On receiving the information after the residents saw that the coast was clear, the Divisional Police Officer and detectives from Apete Division were seen at the scene from where they evacuated the remains of the deceased.

Later, the *Nigerian Tribune* saw the Anti-Cultism unit of the command arriving at the depot where the scene of the crime was shown to them.

When contacted, the command's spokesperson, CSP Adewale Osifeso, confirmed the incident, adding that investigation had already commenced.

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