

Police dismiss viral cult clash rumours in Lagos

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The Lagos State Police Command has dismissed reports of an impending cult-related clash in parts of the state, describing the claims as false and urging residents to remain calm.

In a statement issued on Monday, the Lagos Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Adebisi, said the command had taken proactive steps to prevent any breakdown of law and order in areas mentioned in the viral message.

Adebisi said the alert had referenced locations including Shitta, Akerele, Itire/Aguda and the Ishaga axis, allegedly in connection with a retaliatory attack.

“The Command wishes to categorically state that it has taken proactive and decisive measures to forestall any breakdown of law and order in the affected areas and beyond,” the statement read.

According to the police, personnel and operational assets were immediately deployed to the identified locations and surrounding communities following the initial report.

The Commissioner of Police, Tijani Fatai, also ordered intensified security measures across the areas.

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“The Commissioner of Police has directed intensified patrols, strategic positioning of officers, and increased police visibility across the identified flashpoints to ensure the safety of lives and property,” the statement added.

The command maintained that the affected areas are secure, with adequate security presence to deter unlawful activities.

Reassuring residents, the police said there was no cause for alarm.

“Residents are encouraged to go about their lawful duties without fear or apprehension, as the Police and other security agencies remain fully on ground and committed to maintaining peace and order,” the statement read.

The command also cautioned against the spread of unverified information capable of causing panic, urging the public to rely on official sources for updates.

Residents were advised to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to security agencies through designated emergency lines.