

How Cult Group Killed My Son, 4 Days To My Wedding –Mother

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Late Abdulmalik

A mother of four, Ramota Bakare has described how her son was murdered by a cult group in her presence at Oreta, in Igbogbo, Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

The bereaved mother said she was in her shop with his son, preparing to close the day's business on Wednesday June 10, 2026 at about 9pm when some members a cult group came to her shop on bike and shot her son in the eyes at close range and he died before getting to the hospital.

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It was learnt that the deadly cult clash, was caused by altercation involving an area boy who was accidentally ran over by a trailer carrying a container into the community when they wanted to collect money from the driver of the truck.

Another version said the incident occurred when some youths attempted to extort a driver of a container truck and it led to the youth being pushed into the path of the moving vehicle and the truck ran over him which led to the death of the area boy who happened to be a member of a cult group in the area.

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Members of the cult group angered by the death of one of their own, returned to the scene at night, killing three people including Abdulmalik and one Jimoh who were said not to be members of a cult group. When our correspondent visited the area, the blood stain of Abdulmalik was still visible at the shop of his mother close to Oreta Maternity Hospital in the area.

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According to Ms Bakare, the mother of the deceased, on Wednesday, June 10, "I was in my shop when the incident happened in the afternoon of the fateful day, I didn't intervene because what they were doing didn't concern me."

Bakare said after the crushing of the youth to death by a truck driver who brought a container into the community, the victim's gang members threatened to kill everyone in Oreta before leaving in the afternoon. I thought it was just a joke, not until they came back at night about 9pm.

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According to her, she was about to close her shop with her son after the business of the day when the cult group came and shot her son in one of his eye and he died instantly in her presence. "Abdulmalik was an apprentice, after closing from work.

He always join me in my shop so that we could walk down home together. He doesn't stay with me in my shop. I didn't know that the cult boys were on bike that night, immediately I heard people screaming outside that cult boys are around I started putting off the light of my shop to go home with my son when one of the cultist moved closer to my son and opened fire on him in one of his eye at close range and he died on the spot.

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"The person who killed my son also tried to kill me, fortunately, his bullet didn't penetrate me. I was also shot at twice, I was surprised it didn't penetrate me.

But I lost my son. Before the incident I was hearing someone directing the person who killed my son to shoot him once again in the second eye. The gunshot plucked out my son's eye. It was after they left that I was able to raise the alarm to neighbours.

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God will judge my son's killers

"I am not from Oreta, I only came to do business in the community. I am from Owo in Ondo State. My husband is from Lagos Island. On Sunday June 14, was supposed to be my wedding day and introduction, because I gave birth out of wedlock. Unfortunately, my son was killed four days to my wedding day.

I don't know where to start from now. The deceased was my first child, he was a caring boy." When asked what she wanted from the government, she replied that she has handed everything over to God to judge. "I don't have anyone to fight on behalf of my son.

I know those who killed my son will meet God one day, because my son was not a cultist, very gentle boy who go about gently in the community."

My son was invited to join Eiye

Bakare said there was a time the Eiye cult group invited her son to join them, "but he informed me and I advised him never to be part of them.

My son was an easy going person who goes out peacefully without fighting anyone in the community. Probably because he was invited and he didn't join them that was why they killed him. Only God knows. "I don't know why the cult group came after my son.

The pain of the death of my son will live with me throughout my life. It was because he wanted to join me in the shop that fateful day, he would have gone home from his workplace, but because I don't like walking alone at night was why he came to join me in my shop the day he was killed by the cult group.

"After I enrolled him for senior secondary school examination, he appreciated and thanked me. He promised to buy me a house and a car after graduating from the University.

My gist partner has been killed. He always advised his siblings to read and study hard because that's the only way to beat poverty. My son's life has been cut short by cult group for not being part of them. I regret allowing him to join me that fateful night at my shop."

We are tired of cult crisis

A resident of the community who didn't want her name in print said the issue of cultism in the area has a serious issue that needed government's intervention. The source said the case of cultism in the community was a terrible one, especially the one that led to the death of three persons including Abdulmalik.

She said that they woke up noticing trucks carrying containers coming into their community frequently unlike before. She said they noticed that some youths from Ajebo were following a truck conveying a container while Oreta youths were also waiting for the driver of the truck at their side.

She said it was in the process of collecting money from the truck driver that one of the youth of Ajebo ran into the truck and the truck crushed him to death. "Immediately police moved into the community to prevent the crisis from escalating beyond that level, after around 7pm the policemen left the scene."

Man who went to buy energy drink was also killed "

An hour after the Policemen left, a faction of the cult group moved in and killed three persons that same night in the community in retaliation for the death of their member who was killed by a truck.

Another person that was killed by the cult group was identified as Jimoh who was going to buy energy drink in the community and Abdulmalik was said to have been killed in the presence of her mother.

"A woman who was in her shop with his son, the woman's son was also killed despite the plea of the woman, the boy was killed in her presence in her shop. We are tired of cultists issue in our area."

Cultist creating fear

She added that, the issue of cultism in their community was creating fear in the mind of residents as people are now afraid of their constant fight.

"The second day after the incident, aged women in the community staged a protest naked to the palace of the monarch in the community to register their displeasure over the issue of cultists in the area. The Police also came later in the day to advise residents to go about their business as normalcy has returned to the area.

Nobody knows what was inside the container; we just see them moving into the community every day." It was also learnt that pictures of the cult group members who participated in the killings of the three innocent boys in the community have been pasted and that have been declared wanted by the police.

"Immediately after the incident they have all ran out of the community for fear of being arrested by the police who stormed the area. I want them arrested to serve as a lesson to others who are planning the same act.

It has become unbearable for us. "All we want in our community is peace, because those boys are deadly, who don't care about life.

I also want their parents arrested because they harbor them after wrongdoing which is not right." When contacted, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Abimbola Adebisi, said she is not aware of the particular incident, but promised to make some calls to confirm and get back to us.