

# Suspected Shi'ite sect members kill 3 in Sokoto

THE Police in Sokoto have confirmed the death of three persons in connection with an attack on some residents by suspected Shi'ite Sect members yesterday.

Alhaji Shehu El-Othman, the State Police Commissioner, however, told the *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) in Sokoto that they were yet to confirm the identity of the assailants.

El-Othman said that at around 3.00a.m yesterday, some people stormed a house at Gidadawa area and attacked some youths who were sleeping outside.

One Aliyu Shehu was subsequently killed, while they inflicted injuries on five others.

He explained that two knives and a bag containing petrol were recovered from the scene of the crime.

He added that at about

4.00a.m, Customs officers manning a check point along Sokoto Gusau road apprehended a red Honda Civic car (registration number withheld).

The driver of the car and other occupants fled while a fresh corpse, machetes, gun powder and a plastic can of fuel were recovered from the vehicle.

El-Othman also said that during the burial of Shehu this evening, another man, Hussein Bello, who was video taping the funeral, was lynched by some unidentified youth.

He said armed policemen have already been drafted to the affected areas to restore peace and order.

"We will meet fire with fire but all peace loving people should go about their normal business," he said.