

# Again, Badoo gang slaughters man, pregnant wife, 2 kids

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Suspected members of a new confraternity, the Badoo cult gang, struck again in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State late Monday, killing a man, his pregnant wife and two children.

Neighbours said the suspected cultists killed their victims by smashing their heads with a pestle.

The deceased, City News gathered from a community leader, were killed at their home at Letter N Junction, Radio area of Erunwen in Ikorodu.

However, a teenage daughter of the couple, who sources said is an SS3 student, survived the attack but was said to be in critical condition battling for her life at a specialist hospital (names withheld).

The teenager, who, it was understood, is the only surviving member of the family, was said to have been found naked and unconscious on Tuesday morning with a black cloth tied round her head.

It was gathered that all the four deceased persons had their heads smashed with pestle and were left to die in a pool of blood.

The Coordinator, Ikorodu Ambassadors, Rasheed Fatuga, who intimated *City News* of the killings, disclosed that the murderous gang usually explored easy access to houses, particularly those without burglary proof, to attack their victims.

Fatuga said, "The Badoo gang members usually look for easy access. They look for houses without burglary proofs, and desolate areas where there are only a few houses to kill people, so that even when victims scream for help in distress, they get none.

"It hasn't been easy identifying and detecting the gang members because they don't carry weapons on them when walking. They use sharp or heavy objects that can kill to do their damage."

He appealed to the Lagos State government and to all the security agencies operating within the state to "address the notorious activities of members of the Badoo cult gang with the urgency it deserves."

Contacted, the Lagos State police command's spokesman, Olarinde Famous-Cole, an Assistant Superintendent (ASP), said investigation was ongoing to arrest the culprits.