

10 Killed In Renewed Cultists' Clashes In Ogun Town



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The lingering cult war in Ogun State has claimed about 10 lives in the past few days in Sagamu, Sagamu Local Government Area of the state, Daily Trust reliably gathered last night.

The killings among rival groups reportedly took place in different parts of Sagamu in the last one week.

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A resident of Sagamu, Shittu Jamiu, said "One thing that surprised me most is that most of them are childhood friends, schoolmates, friends and brothers. But suddenly, in the name of cultism, they turned into enemies. Sagamu is a great town before cultism arrived.

"I could remember we used to go from one carnival to another every Sagamu Day celebration and even during December time. Unfortunately, there is nothing like that again."

Governor Dapo Abiodun admitted that Sagamu has been notorious for cultism, calling on traditional rulers to help stem the tide of the menace.

Abiodun spoke at the thanksgiving service of the 20th coronation anniversary of the Elepe of Epe, Sagamu, Oba Adewale Osiberu, held at St. John's Anglican Church, Sagamu.

"Today, Sagamu has been notorious for cultism in Sagamu, and the Elepe and the Akarigbo have played a major part in helping us in stemming the tide of cultism. These are some of the things that our monarchs continue to do in assisting us in the building of our future together," he said.

Our correspondent gathered that the state Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole, on Tuesday visited the area to assess the situation and bring the situation under control.

The police spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said he could not confirm the number of casualties in the renewed cult clashes.

He, however, said two most wanted cultists had been arrested by the police.