

Four feared killed during cult war in Lagos

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NO fewer than four persons were feared killed while several others were injured at the Ijora Badiya area of Lagos State when suspected members of cult groups clashed yesterday.

The Guardian gathered that one of the prime suspects, one Niyi aka "Star" an alleged cult member, who was allegedly released from Prisons, led his gang members to attack and killed a member

of a rival cult group, simply identified as Adele.

In a reprisal attack, friends of the deceased were said to have killed three others and injuring so many persons during the free-for-all.

Police source had it that Niyi had earlier been indicted in a murder-related case by the Police authorities at Ijora Badia.

It was also gathered that he was arrested and taken to court by the Police for prosecution over murder of an-

other cult member, but he allegedly 'bribed' his way out of the prison as an awaiting-trial inmate.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Ngozi Braide, who confirmed the incident to *The Guardian* said that only one person was killed.

He also confirmed that there seven suspected cult members.

A Police source also said that even the deceased was also on

the wanted list of the Police, until his death.

It was gathered that the deceased before his death resided at No. 5, Ijora Oloye Street in Ijora, Lagos.

The Police source said: "He was 25 years old. It was people that identified Ojora before Niyi allegedly stabbed him to death. He did not die on the spot but on his way to the hospital.

"But the matter is yet to be reported to the Police. Even

members of his family never reported the matter to the Police but we had gone to the hospital with the intention to collect his body for burial but the Police prevented the family from claiming the body because the deceased was a suspect and his case is still under investigation.

"Investigation revealed that the deceased's killer is at present at large, even though he is supposed to be in prison custody as awaiting trial in-mate

for alleged murder.

It was also gathered that Police might charge Niyi for another first-degree murder for allegedly killing Ojora.

Meanwhile, tension has continued to mount at the Ijora Badia, a suburb of Lagos State even as Police have promised that there was no cause for alarm as a detachment of Policemen from Mobile Squadrons has been dispatched to the crisis spot.