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Two killed in Lagos gang war

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Cross River declares 35 persons wanted over cult killings

The Oworonshoki community of Lagos State yesterday woke up to the sight of renewed cult gang war, which left two persons dead. Eyewitnesses noted that the cult clash claimed the life of one Waidi, alias Obasanjo (OBJ).

The Lagos State police spokesman, Bala Elkana, who confirmed the clash said: “On Monday at about 8:30a.m. one Waidi, a.k.a. OBJ, a notorious Aiye kingpin, was attacked on his way to Oworonshoki from Ifako along Oworonshoki Expressway.

“The assailants hit his vehicle from behind and when he alighted to take a look at his vehicle to know the extent of the damage, he was macheted. He ran into Goodland Church at Ifako bus stop but his assailants chased him into the church and murdered him.



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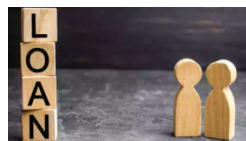
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“His group, in a reprisal attack, killed a young man yet to be identified but of the Eiye cult group. Two suspects, one Sunday Moses and Stephen Jacob have been arrested while a manhunt for Elba, Elebe, Ayomide, Demola and Elsi, all fingered as having participated in the killing, have been intensified. Police operatives led by the Area Commander have also heightened patrol of the area.”

Meanwhile, determined to make Cross River State a safe place to live, the state government has declared 35 persons wanted for cultism. They are wanted in relation to their role in recent cult killings in Calabar that claimed the lives of four persons including that of former Chapter Chairman of the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) in Odukpani Local Government Area and an aide to Governor Ben Ayade, Mr. Ekpenyong Akom.

The Permanent Secretary, Special Services Governor’s office, Mr. Alfred Mboto, said: “The spate of killings and violence taking place in the Calabar Metropolis over supremacies of various fraternities is alarming and unacceptable by government and people of Cross River State. In view of this, the state has declared the 35 persons who have been identified as the ring leaders wanted.”



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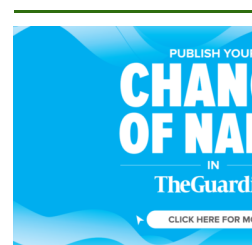
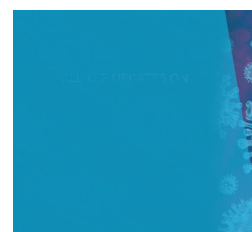
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