

TWO FEARED KILLED, THREE OTHERS INJURED IN SOUTH WEST NIGERIA CULT, MILITIA CLASH

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At least two persons were feared killed and three others sustained serious machete wounds during a bloody clash between members of a notorious cult group and Yoruba ethnic militia organisation, Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) on Tuesday night in Agric bus stop area of Ikorodu. Lagos state, south west Nigeria.

It was gathered that trouble started at about 6:25p.m on Tuesday when the cult members who belong to Black Axe (popularly called 'Aye' in the local parlance) stormed the residence of Baba Oodua in-charge of Agric area and inflicted varying degrees of machete wound on him.

Daily Independent reliably gathered that tension began to gather on Sunday evening following the sudden disappearance of a gun belonging to the cult group and buried at a refuse dump site behind the secretariat of the OPC located in Agric bus stop area.

A new member whose name could not be immediately ascertained and initiated on Sunday was said to have been given the gun for safe keep by the leader of the cult group identified simply as one Ibrahim, Omo Alhaja and his deputy, Ismaila.

At a time the new initiatee was burying the gun at the dump site for safe keep, it was learnt, a man who was defecating sighted him, removed the gun and handed the weapon to a leader of OPC in the area, shortly after the new member had taken his leave.

While the second day the cult leaders wanted to use the gun, it was said the new initiatee went to the dump site and could not find the gun and reported to his masters over the disappearance.

The sudden disappearance of the gun, it was said, did not go down well with the residents of the area as the cult leaders mobilised their members and stormed the residence of the suspected OPC leader in the area, threatening to kill him and his family members if he refused to produce their gun.

The fear of the attack, it was said, prompted the OPC leader to surrender the firearm to the cult members but threatened to report them to the detectives at Owutu Divisional Police Station, Ikorodu.

Sensing arrest, it was learnt the cult members stormed the residence of the OPC leader located close to Agric bus stop on Tuesday evening and shot indiscriminately into the air on suspicion that their target might have reported the recovery of the gun to the police.

At the end of the ensuing attack, two members of the OPC who raced to the crime scene to rescue their comrade laid dead, while Baba Oodua in-charge of Agric area was allegedly inflicted with machete cuts.

Following the prompt intervention of the officers and men of Area 'N' Command Headquarters, Ijede, led by the commander, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Marcus Omu-Iyadun, the police team, it was gathered, worked till day break and arrested two members of the notorious cult group, including the new initiatee.

The leader of the cult group, Ibrahim Omo Alhaja was said to have sustained machete wounds and had been admitted at an undisclosed hospital in Ikorodu, while detectives had been on his trail for arrest.

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