

SSS III STUDENT, FOUR OTHERS KILLED IN LAGOS CULT CLASHES

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A superiority war between **two rival cult gangs** in the Mile 12 area of Lagos has claimed **four lives**, including that of a Senior Secondary School (SSS 3) student, who until his death was writing the on-going West African School Certificate Examination (WAEC).

Several other people sustained injury during the fracas.

A police source gave the name of the deceased student as Abdulazeez Aremu, who was writing the examination at a secondary school in **Ikorodu** town.

Consequently, residents of Akanimodo/Ajilogo area of Mile 12 have called on the police authority in Lagos State to come to their **rescue**.

The residents stated further that fighting has been on-going in the area for **two consecutive nights** now and that they were living in fear.

It was gathered that the current fighting is between a cult group called **'KK' and another referred to as 'Eiye Confraternity.'**

"The whole problem started after a minor misunderstanding between a son of a popular woman resident in the area and one other person at a football viewing centre in the area three weeks ago," said a Police Sergeant in the area.

The police source added that it was not known to the owner of the viewing centre that the duo were cultists.

"In fact, one of the trouble makers is the leader of KK, a dreaded cult group that has been able to spread its tentacle to the Ikorodu campus of the Lagos State Polytechnic," the source said.

He said everyone thought the matter had been resolved amicably, "only for the KK group to launch an early morning attack on one of the Eiye cult members."

"It is that attack that led to the death of one Abdulazeez Aremu, a scion to the 'Baale' of the area and SS3 student who was writing his WAEC. That is where the real trouble began."

The police source further disclosed that the **following night the Eiye members took the battle to the KK's**, "and for about 30 minutes sporadic gunfire reigned the air. We could not sleep throughout the night because bullets were flying everywhere within the vicinity," said the policeman.

Asked why he could not do something as a law enforcement officer, he stated that that would mean putting his life and that of members of his family on the line.

"You know, this is where I live, if I identify myself, then I am inviting trouble."

He added that nobody could dare try to stop the fight, "not even elders in the community; it was God that opened the sky and rain came: that was how they disappeared, only to reconvene the following day."

The residents are, however, appealing to the security agents in the state to do something about the situation.

"We the residents of **Araromie Quarters**, an adjoining neighborhood to the troubled **spot in the Mile 12**, are calling on security agencies in the state to come to our aide.

“For two nights now, it has been fighting between these two groups, with sound of sporadic gunfire reigning the air. Police should come to our assistance,” one of the residents pleaded.