

Three alleged cult members killed in Ilorin

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THREE alleged cult members of Eiye Confraternity were on Sunday reportedly killed while about four others were critically injured in an exchange of gun fire with security agents at a bush behind the NASFAT Village, along Airport Road in Ilorin, Kwara State.

It was learnt that the incident occurred shortly after the cult members, whom members of the vigilante group in the

area mistook for armed robbers, had just concluded initiation of some of their new members in the bush.

After initiation, they reportedly ran into an ambush laid by the members of the vigilante group who were acting on information that armed robbers were hiding in the bush. It was gathered that the vigilante group opened fire on the cult members while the trapped cult members decided to engage the security agents in exchange of gun fires.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Olufemi Fabode, while confirming the incident, said in the ensued exchange of gun fire, three of the cult members fell to the vigilantes' bullets and were almost burnt to ashes before the men of the police command got there.

Fabode said apart from the three that died, four other members of the cult were critically injured while 18 of them were picked and being interrogated at the

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the division.

The police spokesman, who disclosed that some of the cult members came from as far as Lagos, Osun, Ibadan and Oyo respectively, assured that those who escaped at the scene, would be arrested.

He said the remains of those who died had been deposited at the mortuary of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital while those who were injured were taken to hospital for treatment.